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## Founders Walk and Move Crew welcome the class of 2010



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Sophomore Nathan DeOms (left) greets the incoming freshmen and their parents as they participate in Founders Walk.

### Parents participate in Founders Walk for the first time in Vanderbilt history.

By Tanya Alvarez  
SENIOR REPORTER

Administrators and students waited enthusiastically in front of Kirkland Hall as the class of 2010 made its official debut into the Vanderbilt community on Saturday during the annual Founders Walk.

“Chancellor Gee always says Founders Walk is very important because it is the

first experience for first years to see Vandy,” said Assistant Director of New Student and First Year Programs Angela Cottrell. “We wanted to do something that would allow for the parents to see this tradition, and luckily it was very well received.”

This year about 5,000 people participated in Founders Walk, and for the first time, parents and families were invited to

attend.

“When they turn the corner, walk through the gates and see the current students and administration cheering and welcoming them into Vanderbilt, it is easy to see that this is a very significant moment for the freshmen,” Cottrell said.

“Hearts were warmed, and people were really moved seeing the current students

and administration welcoming them and knowing that this would be their home for the next four years.”

The day, however, began much earlier, as some freshmen began moving into their dorms at 6:45 a.m.

“There weren’t that many people early this morning, but after a couple of hours,

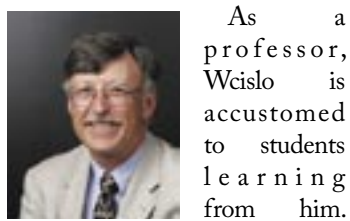
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## Former history teacher Frank Weislo named Dean of Commons

Participation in Vanderbilt Visions program prepares new dean.

By Nicole Floyd  
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Frank Weislo, a professor in the history department, has been named Dean of Commons.



FRANK WEISLO

As a professor, Weislo is accustomed to students learning from him. However, he sees his new post as an opportunity to learn just as much from students.

“The deanship is partly a way of teaching, partly a way of learning and partly a way of having a greater impact on undergraduate education,” said Weislo. “A dean

needs to believe that he or she can actually learn from teaching undergraduates. I believe this.”

Weislo first became interested in the position while he served as a member of the Dean of Commons search committee.

“I found myself way past intrigued,” Weislo said, concerning his decision to throw his name in the hat for the position of dean. “The final piece of the puzzle was when I saw that important student leaders were just as intrigued as I was. That was a formula for success.”

According to Kyle Southern, a student member of the Dean of Commons selection committee, Weislo’s commitment to the academic mission of Vanderbilt was one of the many things that



HENRY MANICE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Construction workers Herman Hondson and Arturo Carpillo load a tractor at the Commons construction site last spring.

impressed the committee.

“We feel confident that his leadership will take the Commons where it needs to go,” Southern said. “His leadership will unite the students behind a great first-year experience in the coming years.”

The first freshman class will not move into the Commons until 2008, but programs that reflect the goals of the project are already underway.

Beginning this semester, the class of 2010 will be required to participate in an extended

orientation program called Vanderbilt Visions. The 1600-member freshman class will be divided into 80 group seminars to discuss important issues relating to life as a Vanderbilt student. Each group will be co-taught by a

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## Students react to death of Peabody student Allison Rose

By Allison Malone  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Allison Frances Rose, a Human and Organizational Development major in Peabody College, died Aug. 19 from injuries sustained in a car accident.

Known as A. Rose by her friends, she was an active member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and was dedicated to philanthropy, both in high school and at Vanderbilt.

“Allison had an uncommon kindness about her. She recognized the needs of others and extended herself to meet them,” said Ellen Brier, assistant dean for undergraduate student affairs at Peabody College. “She had a gentle spirit, and personally, I will miss her. She touched my life.”

Elizabeth Gray, a 2006 graduate of Vanderbilt and

Rose’s close friend and little sister in Alpha Chi Omega, said she will be remembered most for her dedication to her friends. “I never met anyone with a heart as big as Allison’s. Ninety-five percent of my Alpha Chi pledge class requested for Allison to be her big sister- that never happens.”



ALLISON ROSE

Kate Liska, president of Alpha Chi Omega, said, “Allison was always looking to support her friends and be a part of their lives. She bent over backward for people and never expected anything in return.”

Rose’s death has brought Alpha Chi pledge classes together from as far back as 1990, Liska said. Alpha Chi Omega held a meeting last night

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## New Dean of Admissions continues Shain’s legacy

Vanderbilt named New Ivy, ranked 18th in nation.

By Allison Smith  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

Vanderbilt has a new dean of admissions replacing Bill Shain, whose efforts to increase admissions selectivity most recently earned Vanderbilt national recognition in Newsweek and U.S. News & World Report.

Now it is up to Douglass Christiansen to step in where Shain left off.

Christiansen came to Vanderbilt Aug. 1 from Purdue University, where he served as the university’s top admissions and enrollment management executive. Under Christiansen’s leadership, applications for admission to Purdue increased 48 percent.

In addition to his title as dean of admissions, Christiansen also was named associate provost for enrollment, a newly created

position designed to enhance the university’s admissions and financial aid efforts.

Christiansen’s predecessor, Shain, who previously held the position, left last May for Bowdoin College in Maine.

Under Shain’s eight-year leadership, admissions selectivity increased. For example, five years ago, 57.7 percent of applicants were granted admission, compared to 33.7 percent this year.

Recently, U.S. News & World Report ranked Vanderbilt 18th among the nation’s “Top National Universities” for the fourth year in a row.

Vanderbilt also picked up a new ranking this year based on admissions statistics and interviews with administrators, faculty, students and alumni. Newsweek and Kaplan together

designated Vanderbilt one of the “25 New Ivies.”

“(The ranking) gets the names of the schools out there to kids on the Pacific Coast, for example,” Brandon Jones, contributing editor at Kaplan, said. “It shows students that there are a lot of great options. You don’t have to have ivy growing on your walls to be an Ivy League caliber institution.”

Senior Ellie Evans, who served on the committee which interviewed candidates for Christiansen’s position, said she noticed “pros and cons” of Vanderbilt’s increasing selectivity.

“I know my Vanderbilt degree will be worth more, but I don’t want to see Vanderbilt become an extremely academically oriented school,” Evans said. “One of the

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## Spitz to retire after 21 years



SPITZ

After 21 years serving as Vanderbilt’s chief investment officer, William Spitz plans to retire from the post and resume teaching at the Owen Graduate School of Management.

Under his direction, Vanderbilt’s endowment has increased tenfold, from \$300 million to almost \$3 billion.

Twenty years ago, the endowment was invested mostly in stocks and bonds, but, according to The Tennessean, Spitz has diversified the fund so that half of our endowment is now invested in hedge funds, real estate, timber, energy and venture capital. ■



**Bill Spitz is without a doubt one of the giants in endowment management. His leadership and vision have fueled Vanderbilt’s leaps forward over the past two decades. Every person connected to Vanderbilt, now and in the future, owes him a great debt of gratitude. ”**

—Chancellor Gordon Gee

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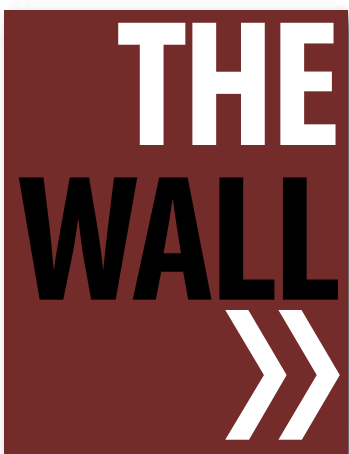
Vandy Vans will launch a new direct route tomorrow that will run from Branscomb Quad to North Hall on Peabody campus.

Vandy Vans will provide a 25-passenger van to operate the new Peabody-Branscomb direct route in response to suggestions submitted by SGA and Interhall last spring in response to a student survey, said Andrew Atwood, director of crime prevention for the Vanderbilt Police Department. The survey response showed that a large number of students who lived on Peabody used Vandy Vans, he said.

The route will operate from 5 p.m. - 5 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

The vans follow two other routes on campus that run daily: the main route, which makes a continuous 30-minute loop around campus, and the express route, which is an abbreviated version of the main route.

Vandy Vans is a free vehicular escort service administered by the Vanderbilt Police Department in conjunction with the Dean of Students Office and Vanderbilt Traffic and Parking. ■



**BOX OFFICE**

U.S. movie revenues for Aug. 18-20. All dollar figures in millions.

1. Snakes on a Plane, 13.8
2. Talladega Nights, 13.75
3. World Trade Center, 10.9
4. Step Up, 10.1
5. Accepted, 10

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**"We live in the center of a dynamic, diverse and beautiful state. This annual trip gives us a chance to explore our region and meet more of our neighbors."**

— Chancellor Gee on this year's Roads Scholars Tour.



**BY THE NUMBERS**

**23.2%**

Percent of minority students in the freshman class. This number has increased by 7.98 percent since last year and 37 percent since 2001.

**WEATHER FORECAST**

**TODAY**  
Sunny, High 90F

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly Sunny, High 93F

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**SATURDAY**  
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**TODAY IN THE BUBBLE**

Compiled by Allison Smith

**Portraits for the 2007 Commodore yearbook**

Portraits are being taken today in Sarratt 112 for the 2007 Commodore yearbook. Freshmen, sophomores and juniors are encouraged to stop by between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. or between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. to sit for yearbook portraits. Senior portraits are next week. There is no cost for yearbook portraits. Please e-mail [order@vanderbiltcommodore.com](mailto:order@vanderbiltcommodore.com) with any questions.

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Come start off the school year right and join us to play softball. Signup begins Aug. 23 at the Student Recreation Center and continues through Sept. 1. For more information, subscribe to our mailing list: [student\\_rec@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:student_rec@vanderbilt.edu). The first game begins Sept. 10 at the Intramural playing fields.

**MEDIA FAIR: Introduction to Student Media**

Please join us for an introduction to Student Media at Vanderbilt today from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Sarratt Promenade. Vanderbilt's 11 student media groups are looking for new staff members. You are invited to our Media Fair to meet our members and find out how to join our student media staffs.

Check out <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

**VUPD CRIME LOG**

Compiled by Allison Smith

**Aug. 19, 1:25 a.m.**—Officers issued a drug equipment violation at the Vanderbilt University Hospital.

**Aug. 19, 4:30 p.m.**—A golf cart was stolen in Branscomb Quad.

**Aug. 19, 10:26 p.m.**—An unknown person(s) scratched the side of a vehicle on Vanderbilt Place near 28th Ave. South.

**Aug. 19, 10:59 p.m.**—There was a noise complaint at 1207 Sigler St.

**Aug. 20, 12:46 a.m.**—There was a noise complaint at 3509 Gillespie St.

**Aug. 20, 9:18 a.m.**—There was a theft from a building at the Vanderbilt University Hospital.

**Aug. 20, 4:58 p.m.**—A bike was stolen from 2325 Elliston Place.

**ADMISSIONS: Christiansen to focus on recruitment**

From **ADMISSIONS**, page 1

unique aspects of Vanderbilt is the balanced student body that we have. Each Vanderbilt student values their education and activities on campus and their social life.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Christiansen is capable for the job," Evans said. "I know for me personally as an upperclassman on the committee, it was important to me to have someone that understood Vanderbilt and its current student body—someone who could improve the student body without changing the spirit at Vanderbilt."

Christiansen said he is very concerned about building a diverse class and cited the 973 high schools represented in the class of 2010 as a sign the school is already increasing diversity.

"I would like to focus on how we are going to improve in our recruitment process," Christiansen said. "What we need to do better is find students that will craft the class. That will come by finding them earlier on in the process."

"Some of the issues we could face is the idea that we are

Vanderbilt; build it, and they will come. But the reality is that our competition—Duke, Harvard and Yale—are already doing these things. If we don't continue to recruit, market and help craft the future classes, we are in danger of being left behind," Christiansen said.

He said he decided to come to Vanderbilt because this school's admissions process does not consider financial eligibility in its decision to admit students, but guarantees to meet admitted students' full financial needs.

"There are few schools in the United States that have the promise Vanderbilt does by being need-blind and able to meet full demonstrated need," Christiansen said.

Freshman Sam Abney said he thinks the admission's office should let people know that it is possible to come here even if you can't "foot the whole bill."

"Some schools will always take the top spots (in the US News and World Report rankings)," Abney said. "I know that Vanderbilt is a good school, so I wasn't as much concerned with its ranking." ■

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**11 ways to use your voice on campus**

## FOUNDERS WALK: Move Crew impresses families



Freshman mother Cindy Reich (left) and sophomore Lauren Alterman (middle) carry boxes into Kissam on Saturday.

JONATHAN DIETZ / The Vanderbilt Hustler

From **FOUNDERS WALK**, page 1 they started to come in waves of like 10 or 15," said junior Katharine Vandergriff, a VUceptor who helped the new freshmen move in as part of this year's Move Crew.

"This year Move In has been very efficient because there are a lot of people helping," Vandergriff said. "The freshmen and their families are really appreciative and really nice, which makes it all worthwhile."

Jonathan White, a freshman from Memphis, said, "The communication from Vanderbilt has been wonderful. Coming here has really given me a sense of community."

White reflected on his upcoming experience at Vanderbilt as he was moving

his things into his new room. "This is going to be a new life. I'm really excited about getting to meet new people and to stand by myself, living alone."

The Vanderbilt Move Crew also made a good impression on some of the parents.

"It's up-class, like going to a nice hotel. They helped us bring all of our stuff," said Anita White, Jonathan White's mother. "I am very happy with the community. Having people help shows that they really care. It has been a great experience for us."

"This year we had a little over 700 student volunteers," said senior Courtney Fahnhorst, a member of the Move In Committee, an organization of students and administrators

dedicated to making moving in a smooth process for new students.

"It is a huge operation, but we were lucky to get a lot of support," she said. "Many students volunteer as part of their organizations to help the freshmen get acquainted with the campus."

"We worked closely with VUPD to take care of traffic and parking and to keep things moving along," Fahnhorst added. "We started planning everything during February and worked really hard since June."

"Overall, I think that it went along really well, and we were very lucky to not have bad weather," she said. ■

## WCISLO: Dean chosen

From **WCISLO**, page 1 faculty member and a VUceptor.

Wcislo, who will be co-leading one of the group seminars, sees Vanderbilt Visions as the beginning phase of what the Commons is all about. Just as the Commons intends to integrate academics with social life, Vanderbilt Visions hopes to foster a partnership between faculty members and students.

In the summer of 2008, Wcislo, along with his wife and their twin daughters, will be moving into a residence located on the grounds of the Commons. They will bring along their dog, who has jokingly become known to Wcislo's colleagues and friends as D.O.C. (Dog of Commons).

Wcislo knows that he will learn a lot as the founding Dean of Commons. His hope is that Vanderbilt students will be learning right along with him.

"I hope the Commons will energize students earlier in the process," Wcislo said. "My biggest hope is that our students become powerful, proactive learners." ■



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—Francis Wcislo, Dean of Commons

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# Community project provides chance to serve

*New students give back to Nashville as part of VUcept program*

By Harish Krishnamoorthi  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Commodores in the Community, a service event held yesterday that marked the end of freshman orientation, gave the class of 2010 a chance to give back to the Nashville community. In past years, the program was optional and much smaller, but this year, it was expanded from 20 sites to 70 and made mandatory.

The logistics of the program were complicated, but through the efforts of Program Coordinator Alexis Yee-Garcia in the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, this annual activity was able to overcome the difficulties of its expansion.

"The biggest challenge was keeping everyone in groups of 20, but once we had a connection with local organizations, we knew we would succeed," said Yee-Garcia.

According to Yee-Garcia, directors of the program had several goals.

"The biggest one was to show that Vanderbilt University can make an impact on the community. We do a lot of things here, and we wanted to show that community service can be a part



Freshman Josh Thomas helps director Sarah Killpack during Commodores in the Community at LP Pencil Box.

of (student life)," she said.

Shivani Shah, the Chair of Commodores in the Community and a member of the VUcept Executive Board, said that other goals were particularly student-oriented.

"(The program) lets the students see what Nashville has in terms of community service and getting involved," Shah said. "We want freshmen to get experience early."

Shah also said she wanted to make sure that students know that community service can be enjoyable.

"(This year) it's new because it's mandatory, but that makes it sound like we're forcing you to do it. If you try, it can be really fun."

Once students arrived at their sites, Yee-Garcia and Shah made sure that the participants actually had things to do. Students went to places as close as Eaken Elementary School, located just outside the Vanderbilt campus, and as far away as Ashland City. The sites also varied in activities, from caring for the elderly at a retirement home to landscaping at the Country Music Hall of

Fame and Museum.

Freshman Brooke Van Dusen went to Outlook National, a facility for the mentally challenged that houses young children and the elderly.

"The (manager) said that we've been the most helpful group they've ever had," Van Dusen said. "There were kids there with birth defects because they were abused."

"The place was so underfunded. [They] couldn't afford a receptionist or full-time maintenance workers. It was nice to see things from this angle," she said.

Van Dusen's experience reflects another of Yee-Garcia's goals for the program.

"We wanted to show why it is important to know the community and understand problems from a different perspective," she said. "Even if one person didn't like where they went for the community service, perhaps a friend went to a really good one, and so (they) get more involved in these programs."

For more information on community service at Vanderbilt, visit the Office of Active Leadership and Service Web site at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/oacs/>.

# Freshmen sign Honor Code



Members of the freshman class listen to Dean Bandas at the Honor Code Ceremony and Signing in the Student Life Center Tuesday night.

Members of the freshman class listen to Dean Bandas at the Honor Code Ceremony and Signing in the Student Life Center Tuesday night.

# Gee leads faculty members, student leaders on road trip across state

By Glenna DeRoy  
NEWS EDITOR

Last week Chancellor Gordon Gee escorted 47 "roadies," a group mainly comprised of new faculty members, on a Roads Scholars Tour of various Tennessee locales. The tour, in its fifth year, is meant to highlight aspects of Tennessee and recognize Vanderbilt's connection with the surrounding community.

According to Program Coordinator of Community, Neighborhood and Government Relations Misty White, the goals of the trip are multi-faceted.

"It's a chance for faculty members to meet new people that they may not have the opportunity to meet on campus, creating the opportunity for collaboration once they get back to Vanderbilt," she said.

Interhall President Devin Donovan agreed, noting, "Participants got to talk to a lot of different staff members, which was really good because we're looking for that kind of integration this year—integration of different schools and departments."

Social interaction is just one purpose of the tour, however. The participants also learned about a variety of Tennessee institutions.

"We like to be able to introduce our faculty members to another part of Tennessee—many of our faculty members are not from this area—and show them that there's more to our wonderful state than Nashville," White said.

This year, participants visited Lightning Source, the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Knoxville Museum of Art, the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Scripps Networks, Maryville High School, Tennessee Technological University's Appalachian Center for Craft and Vanderbilt's Squirrel Camp.

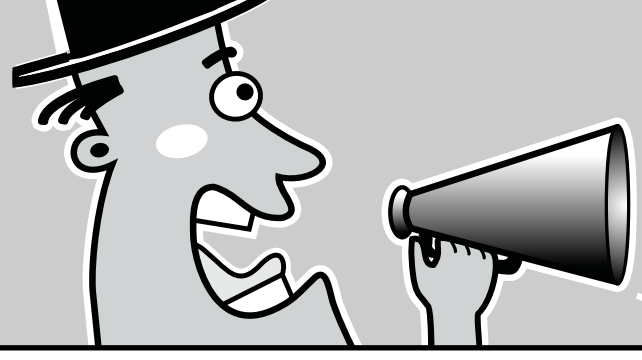
"I think (Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs)

Michael Schoenfeld summed up our trip the best when he characterized it as a tour of 'things that you would never expect of Tennessee,'" White said.

White said that Gee brought this idea with him from Ohio State University.

"It was a wonderful way to welcome faculty there, and he thought it would be a great way to do it here," she said.

As Gee told The Vanderbilt Register, "On this tour, we forge intellectual bridges, and that's why I continue to believe it's one of the most important things we do each year." ■



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# PEABODY

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to discuss how they would like to reach out to the Vanderbilt community to remember Rose. They are discussing options such as a scholarship fund and memorial services or an open house to allow recent graduates and students who couldn't make the services in Atlanta to memorialize Rose.

Liska said the sorority wants to reach out to the Vanderbilt community because Rose had many friends outside of the house. They are also taking steps to make sure that all of the sorority sisters are dealing well with their grief.

According to the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Rose, 24, of Atlanta, was driving east on Interstate 40 in St. Francis County, Ark., outside of Memphis, Tenn., when she lost control of the car Saturday afternoon. The vehicle ran through the median, crossed westbound lanes, left the road and hit a tree, police said.

Funeral services will be held at St. Martins in the Field Episcopal Church on Ashford Dunwoody Road in Atlanta, today at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a graveside service at Arlington Cemetery on Mount Vernon Highway in Sandy Springs, Ga. A campus memorial service is being planned, and those interested in participating should contact University Chaplain Gay Welch.

Rose's family has asked that donations be made in memory of Rose to the Department of Human and Organizational Development at Peabody College or to the Emergency Assistance Fund at St. Martins in the Field Episcopal Church, 3110 Ashford Dunwoody Road, Atlanta, Ga., in lieu of flowers. ■



Student peruses organic options in new Nectar food market in Vanderbilt Hall.

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## Dining adjustments add diversity to student meal plans

*Lida Horna appointed as new director of dining.*

By Davida Majors and Sydney Wilmer  
CONTRIBUTING REPORTERS

For sophomore Mary Marschner, Rand Dining Center was never her first choice in eating options. Long lines, crowded seating and limited selection made off-campus dining an easy alternative to what she described as a "noisy" environment.

These problems did not go unnoticed by the workers and directors at Vanderbilt Dining. In addition to hiring a new director of Dining, Lida Horna, Rand made changes in layout over the summer to improve efficiency and relieve congestion in the main dining area.

"There's more room in here now," said staff member Wanda Fitzgerald.

"It was so cluttered last year," she said. "They moved the beverage station against the wall, which made more room."

Staff worker Stephanie Holt added, "The space allows students to move in and out quicker. This makes my job easier because there aren't too many stations to cook for."

Fitzgerald also complimented the variety of foods now available at Rand.

"We have more of a selection than most college campuses in Tennessee," she said.

Holt agreed, adding, "The changes add more variety (on campus)."

Freshman Rebecca Maddox, though unfamiliar with the problems associated with Rand, commented on the effectiveness

of the current system.

"There is a wide selection," she said. "When I got there, I wanted to get something fresh, so I went directly to the salad bar. Things were moving smoothly."

Other changes to off-campus meal options include the addition of Cabana, Sunset Grille, Nashville and Smoothie King in Hillsboro Village to the Taste of Nashville program. In Morgan House, a new Quiznos will remedy the previous absence of dining options in Highland Quad.

A new organic foods market called Nectar, located on the first floor of Vanderbilt Hall, will provide students with a "full range" of earth-friendly products, according to Assistant Director of Operations Spiros Vergatos. "Vanderbilt is leading the way

in organic food stores like this one," Vergatos said. "We have had several big schools come and look at what we have done here."

While these changes are significant, they may foreshadow other, more drastic amendments to Vanderbilt Dining.

Horna explained that she will not change things right away, preferring to understand the culture at Vanderbilt and learn about the people who work in dining first.

"You cannot understand the culture of a place by reading (about it) on the Web," she said. "You have to understand what changes need to be made."

Horna has previously worked for Stanford University as associate director of Dining Services and served as the University of

Illinois's dining director for more than four years.

According to former Director of Dining Services Frank Gladu, Horna's experience as a dining director at a relatively large private university makes her a perfect addition to Vanderbilt Dining.

"Stanford especially is a good background for working in dining at Vanderbilt because it is a private school with a residence hall dining program. Lida could not have trained more (appropriately) for her job here," Gladu said.

With the new additions to the staff, organic food choices, better organization and increased eating options, it makes sense that Marschner, though a little skeptical, is planning on giving on-campus dining, especially Rand, another chance. ■

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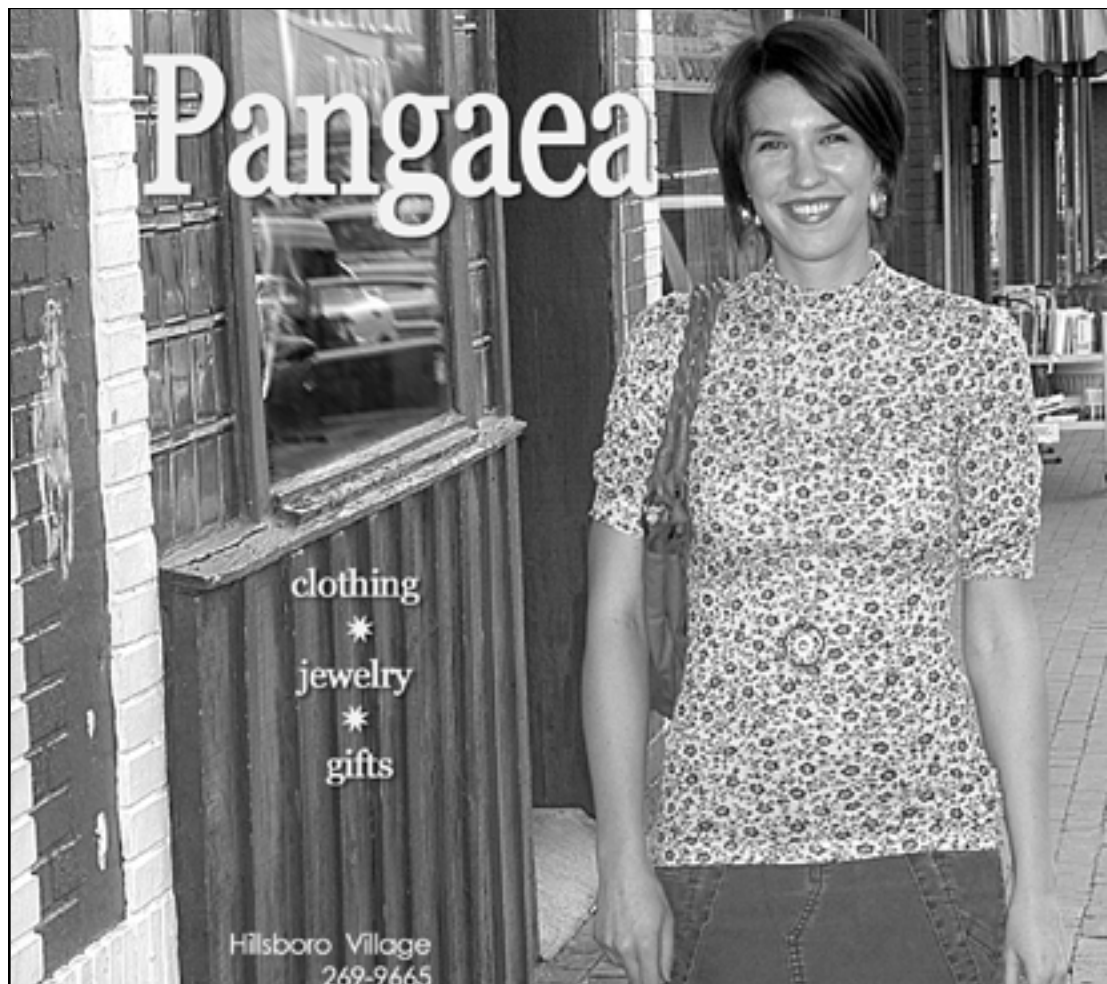
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## OUR VIEW

## Prospects look good for Vanderbilt admissions

Vanderbilt University can be proud of its class of 2010. It is the most impressive one to grace the campus, just like the class of 2009 was last year, and the class of 2008 the year before that. Given this trend, Vanderbilt should really be proud of its admissions department.

Universities do not maintain top 20 rankings in U.S. News & World Report or get recognized by Newsweek as being among 25 elite "new ivies" by maintaining the status quo in the admissions department. Every year, Vanderbilt works hard to improve its admissions statistics, with impressive results.

Entry into the class of 2010 was more competitive than any previous year. Applications are up 24 percent from where they were five years ago. Only about a third of applicants are granted admission. Five years ago it was about half.

The average student in the class of 2010 was in the top seven percent of their high school graduating class. There are 149 National Merit Scholars and 189 valedictorians or salutatorians among them. However, this class is not merely smart.

The number of minority students entering in 2010 is up 37 percent from 2001, and 973 high schools from around the world are represented. This is, in many ways, a diverse class; contributing to the well rounded academic experience Vanderbilt boasts.

Much of the credit goes to former Dean of Admissions Bill Shain, who recently left Vanderbilt for Bowdoin College. The class of 2010 is evidence of his hard work paying off for our Vanderbilt community, and we should all be grateful.

We are also excited by the addition of the new Dean of Admissions, Douglas Christiansen, who comes from Purdue University, where applications for admission increased 48 percent under his leadership. We are confident that his commitment to actively "recruit, market and help craft the future classes" will allow him to guide Vanderbilt to experience further success and improvement.

Vanderbilt is doing well right now. We are nationally recognized as one of the top universities in the country. Our freshman class is one of the smartest in the country and, more importantly, consists of diverse perspectives from all over the globe. We are certain that Dean Christiansen will not allow us to get too comfortable in our position and that he will continue where Dean Shain left off so that next year Chancellor Gee can take the podium after Founders Walk and say that the class of 2011 is the best that Vanderbilt has ever admitted.

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## COLUMN

## New social policies threaten party school reputation

Vanderbilt University is a well-rounded school. This is demonstrated by our rank of 18 in the U.S. News & World Report's 2007 rankings of national universities and our ranking

COLUMNIST

**SARA TABOR**

in The Princeton Review for best fraternity and sorority scene. It is a factor that probably drew most of the students here. However, it seems that our university is changing.

In the last four days, there has been nothing on Vanderbilt's campus that can really be classified as a party. As a freshman, my first night on campus was one of my most memorable. Living in Branscomb and being able to walk out to the parties was the best part. Last night in front of Branscomb, the line for the cabs was longer than any line I have seen at a fraternity.

What brought about the changes? Was it

the freshman that was sent to the hospital last year for alcohol-related illness? Was it the fraternities that have been kicked off campus in previous years? The banning of parties during these first few nights does not prevent either of these things from occurring.

After the Branscomb Beach Bash, freshmen shouldn't be expected to return to their rooms; there should be something else for them to do on campus- not downtown. We take so much pride in our fraternity and sorority life, but this is not on display for the freshmen at all. Maybe it shouldn't be the main focus the first week of school, but it is something that should be recognized. There are four days at the beginning of the semester during which we are free to not worry about scholastics, but with nothing to do on campus, there is little to distract us. Maybe as school gets started, things will change, and we can only hope that things get back to normal very soon.

Keeping them out until midnight every night of the week for VUcept doesn't make

freshmen less likely to go out, it just makes them more likely to drink fast so that they can get out to the parties before it is too late. Binge drinking is what got us into this predicament in the first place. Should we really be promoting this? Freshmen have their freedom for the first time, and we are treating them like they are at summer camp. I think that the dancing the freshmen displayed on the General Jackson the second day of VUcept speaks for itself- these freshmen are not here just for the studying. The regulations that are being imposed on this freshman class are not helping them at all, and they are hurting Vanderbilt's reputation.

Vanderbilt prides itself on all of its rankings. With the college halls ultimately improving our scholastic rankings, we need to make sure that we do not sacrifice our party scene and change our beloved Vanderbilt completely.

*Sara Tabor is a junior in Peabody College.*

## COLUMN

## Blunders catching up with President Bush

With the school year beginning, people across the country are cherishing their summer memories and looking

OPINION EDITOR

**REEVE HAMILTON**

forward to a productive fall. President George W. Bush, however, probably has a hard time doing either.

One of the real lowlights of Bush's summer, or highlights if comedy is your priority, was his mid-July trip to Russia, where he participated in the G-8 Summit. There he managed to publicly humiliate himself no less than three times, an impressively high number, considering the summit is only three days long.

In a press conference with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Bush meandered right into a trap when he discussed his desire for democracy to take shape in Russia. "We certainly would not want to have the same kind of democracy as they have in Iraq, I will tell you quite honestly," Putin responded, drawing a big laugh from the press.

At another point, Bush had a private talk with U.K. Prime Minister Tony Blair, in which

they discussed a gift Blair had given Bush, trade deals and the Israel-Lebanon conflict. Unfortunately, the whole exchange occurred right in front of a microphone, which they mistakenly assumed to be off. Had he known it was on, Bush probably would have checked his language, rather than saying, "What they need to do is...to get Hezbollah to stop doing this shit," and having the press spend the next few days snickering at "the shit heard 'round the world."

The icing on the cake was one of the more mind-boggling faux pas Bush has made in his presidential career, which has been full of them. Walking by German Chancellor Angela Merkel, seated at a conference table, Bush decided to take her by the shoulders and give her an impromptu massage. For future reference, it is never a good time to give a German Chancellor a spontaneous public massaging. Merkel grimaced and threw up her arms, effectively disengaging the president's grip. This embarrassing exchange is now must-see TV on YouTube.com.

All of this, of course, is in the past. Funny as it might be to look back on the president cementing his image as an international embarrassment,

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## COLUMN

## Lieberman defeat highlights Democratic shortcomings

One of the values that the Democratic Party seems to pride itself on the most is that it is a "tolerant and diverse" party.

COLUMNIST

**CHRIS DONNELLY**

However, when it comes to tolerating members of the party who even slightly diverge from their party's liberal doctrines, they don't see, to have much capacity to do so. The primary results from Connecticut earlier this month in the U.S. Senate race are proof. The two candidates in the Democratic primary were Joe Lieberman, the 18-year incumbent U.S. senator and 2000 vice-presidential nominee, and Ned Lamont, a little-known, wealthy cable executive whose political expertise consists of serving as a selectman from Greenwich for a few years and receiving third place in a primary for state senate in 1990.

Normally, this type of race would be no contest, with Sen. Lieberman winning easily. However, because Lieberman continues to be a strong supporter of the war in Iraq, Lamont narrowly defeated him. Lieberman, according to the non-partisan National Journal,

votes with Democrats 90 percent of the time in the Senate. He is pro-choice, supports gay rights, favors environmental regulations, and opposed the Bush tax cuts. In case people forgot, he even fought for the right to challenge President Bush in 2004. Liberal senators such as Barbara Boxer, Chris Dodd and Hillary Clinton campaigned for Lieberman's re-nomination, while Lamont had the support of radical liberal U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, Jesse Jackson, and the Reverend Al Sharpton. In choosing to chart such a far-left course by picking Ned Lamont as their nominee in Connecticut, the Democratic Party seriously damaged its chances of taking control of Congress. It is evident from President Bush's waning poll numbers and recent generic congressional ballot tests that voters are ready for change. However, if voters feel that Democrats can't be trusted with national security, then it's going to be hard for the party to win power in November. Democrats had a real opportunity earlier this month to prove that they still have room for party members who hold foreign policy views similar to those of JFK, Harry Truman and FDR. By casting out Joe Lieberman

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COLUMN

# America has obligation to stand by Israel

Make no mistake, the conflict in the Middle East is a war, and it is part of the war on terror that our own country is fighting.

COLUMNIST  
**MICHAEL WILT**

Israel is an ally of this country and the only stable democracy in the Middle East, so we have an obligation to support and protect Israel, should it be attacked.

In mid-July, Hezbollah, which by all accounts is merely another arm of the Islamic Republic of Iran, attacked them. Ironically, for much of the time Israel was fighting Hezbollah, the Iranian nuclear problem was overlooked, and I think that very much was the intention. Iran used the Shi'a terrorist organization in Lebanon to attack Israel in order to divert attention from its pursuit of the Islamic bomb.

The conflict has died down as the world's diplomats pat themselves on the back for a job well done in creating a temporary and totally laughable ceasefire. Yes, no one is getting killed right now from Hezbollah rocket attacks on innocent civilians, but likewise, no terrorists are being killed by Israel and that's a shame. A ceasefire was the worst possible outcome for the Israeli people, and the Olmert government

should pay through an untimely political death.

Perhaps if someone like Benjamin Netanyahu were elected as Prime Minister again, Israel could regain its footing and fight the many enemies the state has that wish to see it destroyed. Iran's president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, has openly called for the destruction of Israel. Hezbollah and Hamas, both terrorist organizations that have caused much suffering for the people of Israel, have as part of their organization a mission to destroy Israel. Syria joins them. As does, of course, every extremist Islamic fanatic around the world, whether they are fighting with Al-Qaeda in Somalia or Afghanistan, or waging a personal jihad here at home.

There are three things that this country and Israel must do to secure peace, and peace must come at any cost. Ronald Reagan's campaign theme in 1984 was "Preparing for Peace," with the implied and correct assumption that building up our arms would defeat the Soviet Union without a bullet ever being fired. I think now the time has come for the United States, with its allies in Israel, Japan, the United Kingdom, the new German government, and hopefully soon a new, more conservative government in France, to redesign the war on terror to be able to fight

against not just Al-Qaeda, but other terrorists groups such as Hezbollah. This is a new world war, a war that will last a long time, and we cannot win it without a core group of allies committed to the fight.

Some will say that it is not our war to fight against such groups, that we should let maniacs like Nasrallah, the leader of Hezbollah, roam free. I say this is nonsense. September 11th changed everything by shifting the paradigm of global involvement. This is a war for our survival as a society, of which Israel is a part. This war will not end until either we are destroyed, or they are destroyed.

The first thing this country needs to do is, as I said, work with our allies to better share intelligence, patrol the seas and make absolutely sure terrorists aren't being financed. The second thing we need to do is not cut and run in Iraq. I am not happy with what has gone on there, certainly. There is improvement to be made. But the worst thing we can do is to lay down our arms in retreat and defeat, which would embolden our enemies and show that when America makes a promise, it's just kidding. We also should not and cannot provide a timetable for withdrawal of our troops. Imagine if you were to announce to the neighborhood, and thus all the criminals who may venture into your

neighborhood, that you were going to be terminating your alarm security system in your home in 10 days. Yeah, smart move; I don't think so.

The final thing this country needs to do – and this is where ordinary Americans come in – is to suck it up and realize that there are necessary things we have to do to prevent terrorism. It sickens me to see people defend the "civil liberties" of terrorists. Our government works hard to protect us from them with use of programs such as the Terrorist Surveillance Program and certain parts of the Patriot Act. These are desperately needed in order to protect this country – this is shown through the recent foiling of the plot to blow up airliners over the Atlantic Ocean just a few weeks ago.

America has an obligation to stand by Israel and to join them in the fight against terrorism, and we could learn a few lessons from them as well. But both governments need to not become weak-kneed, bowing down to world pressure to treat terrorists with "dignity" and "respect," when all they want to do is annihilate us. It is therefore our obligation as a society to make sure that every last one of them is cold dead six feet under before they do it to us.

*Michael Wilt is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.*

## THE VERDICT

The opinion staff passes judgement on everything inside the bubble and out.

Mel Gibson		Drunken anti-Semitic outburst does nothing to dispute the idea that this former star is not absolutely insane.
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Tuition		Tuition is actually up and it is our wallets that are suffering.
Ned Lamont		Surprises country by winning the Democratic nomination in Connecticut.

## Hamilton: Bush slips in summer

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the G-8 Summit was a little over a month ago. It is time to move on and begin looking forward. For Bush, however, the forecast is not a good one.

According to the latest CNN poll, opposition to the Iraq war is at an all-time high. The poll also found that a majority of Americans do not consider Bush honest, do not think he shares their values and do not think he inspires confidence. More than half of Americans say they disagree with the president on the issues they care about. The president might, for once, actually start to care about public opinion as it really begins to damage his rubber stamp of a legislative branch.

Bush's supporters have already begun to feel the effects of the public's disapproval. Senator Joe Lieberman, a Democrat and a supporter of the Iraq war,

was unable to garner his party's nomination in Connecticut. He lost to Ned Lamont, who, with virtually no experience, gained the nomination by basically running an entirely anti-war campaign.

Bush is losing international support with all his blundering. According to recent reports, even Blair, Bush's strongest supporter abroad, now feels that the president has "let him down badly." Bush has lost the American public. If Lieberman's loss in Connecticut indicates a new trend, he may soon find himself with few friends in Washington as well.

Bush might finally be demonstrating what he meant when he said is a "uniter, not a divider," as in America and abroad, more and more people are uniting against him.

*Reeve Hamilton is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.*

## Donnelly: Lamont nomination strays too far to the left

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in favor of a far-left political hack who was urged to run by a former opponent of Lieberman, the Democrats not only show that they are not a big-ten party, but also that they support

Lamont's position of a public timetable for withdrawal from Iraq, which could prove to be incredibly dangerous.

Luckily for Connecticut voters who want to send a message to their state's Democratic Party and the national party that


has gotten behind Lamont, Lieberman has handed in enough signatures to appear on the ballot as an independent in November. There is a Republican candidate as well, but one with some serious personal problems and little money; in the latest CNN poll, he

received 3 percent. I would urge Republicans, independents and even disaffected Democrats in Connecticut to reject extremism and vote for Joe Lieberman in November.

*Chris Donnelly is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.*

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# SPORTS

FEATURE

## The Dore Days of Summer

by JARRED AMATO

Whether it was leading a national team to victory in Japan or running a weeklong basketball camp in Iraq, Vanderbilt athletes, coaches and alumni travelled around the world this summer.

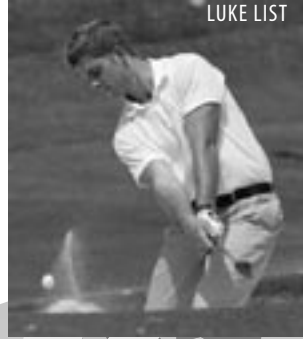
### CHASKA, Minnesota

The 2006 U.S. Amateur was full of Commodores.

Vanderbilt senior Luke List, sophomore Jon Curran and freshman Chris Rockwell all participated in two rounds of stroke play earlier this week at the Hazeltine National Golf Club.

List performed the best, finishing in a tie for 66th. The top 64 golfers advanced to the next round.

List earned an exemption to the tournament after finishing second in the 2004 tournament, while Curran and Rockwell made it after placing in their respective sectional qualifiers this summer.



### BEAUMONT, California



Sophomore Jacquie Concolino participated in the inaugural USA China Friendship Cup at Oak Valley Golf Club in Beaumont, Calif., in late July.

Team USA, consisting of eight men and four women, won the three-day event, 25 1/2 to 10 1/2.

Concolino, ranked 12th nationally, earned second-team All-America honors from Golfweek magazine and the National Golf Coaches Association after her superb freshman campaign.

### BRAZIL

Vanderbilt basketball player Derrick Byars spent two weeks in Brazil with the Christian-based Sports Reach ministry team.

Byars, along with six others from the Southeastern Conference, played exhibition games against Brazilian teams in Fortaleza, Belem and Sao Paulo. They also spent time leading clinics and exploring other ministry opportunities.

The team went 5-0 on the trip and Byars averaged 22.6 points and 12.7 rebounds per game.



### COLUMBIA, Missouri



Former Vanderbilt basketball player DeMarre Carroll decided to transfer to Missouri, where he will play for his uncle, Mike Anderson.

Carroll is required to sit out the 2006-07 season to meet NCAA transfer requirements but will have two years of eligibility remaining.

The Commodores will surely miss Carroll, who averaged 10.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game as a sophomore.

Kyle Madsen was one of the players coach Kevin Stallings was counting on to replace Carroll, but the 6'10" forward decided to transfer to Ohio State. Madsen, who redshirted as a freshman last season, will also have to sit out a year before suiting up for the Buckeyes.

### CAPE COD, Massachusetts



Seven Commodores spent their summer playing in the prestigious Cape Cod Baseball League.

Cape League alumni include Major Leaguers Nomar Garciaparra, Todd Helton, Billy Wagner and Barry Zito.

As the league's slogan says, it is "where the stars of tomorrow shine tonight."

Cameron Betourne – Orleans Cardinals

Cody Crowell – Brewster Whitecaps

Ty Davis – Orleans Cardinals

Dominic de la Osa – Wareham Gatemen

Ryan Flaherty – Hyannis Mets

Diallo Fon – Wareham Gatemen

David Macias – Hyannis Mets

### HAVANA, Cuba



Coached by Vanderbilt's Tim Corbin, the USA National Baseball Team won the International University Sports Federation World Championships at Latino Stadium last Tuesday.

Corbin's crew defeated Chinese Taipei 18-9 in the final and finished with a 28-2-1 record overall. Its .919 winning percentage is the best ever by a USA Baseball collegiate team.

Commodores Pedro Alvarez, David Price and Casey Weathers performed well for Team USA. Alvarez led the squad with a .379 batting average and 43 RBIs, Price was 5-1 with a 0.20 ERA and Weathers struck out 17 batters in nine innings.

### IRAQ

Former Vanderbilt basketball player Barry Booker traveled to an Iraqi school this summer to teach students about basketball and religion.

Booker conducted a vacation Bible school and led a weeklong basketball camp under the leadership of Servant Group International, a non-profit Christian organization helping in Middle Eastern communities.

Booker played basketball at Vanderbilt from 1986 to 1989, helping the Commodores advance to back-to-back NCAA Tournament appearances in 1988 and 1989. He holds the conference record for career 3-point shooting percentage (.460).



### JAPAN



Like Tim Corbin, women's golf coach Martha Richards Freitag led a national team this summer.

With Freitag in charge, the United States defeated Japan 37-23 at the 31st annual Fuji Xerox USA vs. Japan Collegiate Golf Championship at Sun Hills Country Club in Japan's Tochigi prefecture.

The United States has won the past 11 contests and leads the all-time series, 24-7.

BASEBALL

## Coaching Team USA proved to be eye-opening experience for Corbin

By Will Gibbons  
HUSTLER SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER

For coach Tim Corbin and three members of the Vanderbilt baseball team, playing for the USA National Team this summer was more than just an opportunity to represent their country. While they brought home a gold medal, the experience also gave those involved a perspective on life outside of baseball.

"I'll never be in the military, never have a chance to affiliate myself with something like that," Corbin said. "So this is in a small way something. It means a lot to support something that has USA across your chest. It was very fulfilling."

The team went 28-2-1 for the summer and earned a championship crown in the FISU World Championships (International University Sports Federation), played in various cities throughout Cuba. The .919 winning percentage is the best ever by a USA Baseball collegiate team.

The team defeated Chinese Taipei 18-

9 for the championship and averaged just over seven runs per game, while allowing less than two. David Price was very effective, sporting a 5-1 record for the summer with a 0.20 ERA, the only loss coming against Japan. Corbin said that Baseball America was going to announce later this week that Price would be named Player of the Summer for his efforts.

"Price had a great summer," he said. "He was the number one pitcher at the beginning, and he was number one at the end. He was very consistent, and he was such a leader on that team."

The level of competition was a mixed bag, with traditional baseball powers Japan, Korea and Chinese Taipei providing the most competition. A talented Cuba team was upset in the tournament's early rounds. Other teams in the tournament included the Bahamas, Czech Republic, Germany, Mexico, Nicaragua and the Virgin Islands.

"The competition was pretty good, but our team was a step above," Price



BRYAN FLEMMING / Team USA  
David Price was the ace of the Team USA staff.

Pedro Alvarez was also impressive, hitting for a .379 average with five homers and 43 RBIs along the way. The sophomore not only validated his national Freshman of the Year award but also may have raised expectations for next year.

"I was skeptical as to whether or not Pedro would make the team," Corbin said. "But it was clear to everyone for him to be a unanimous choice. Not only did he make the team, but he was our best hitter."

Weathers made seven relief appearances with a 5.00 ERA while striking out 17 batters in nine total innings. The experience can only help the converted outfielder become a very reliable reliever.

While they won a lot of games, it is the experience off the field that may stick with these four.

"It feels good when they're playing the national anthem before the game and everyone is cheering 'USA, USA,'" Price said.

Seeing Cuba was an eye-opening experience, as it put in perspective the opportunity that comes with living in the United States.

"The people are great, very happy, gracious, and they love Americans," Corbin said. "I would love to put about five kids in my bag and take them home

with me. It would be neat to see them get the opportunities we get...I left four pairs of shoes there. I left underwear and T-shirts there, and you would have thought I had just given them gold."

It was clear that these lessons rang true for the players, as well.

"When we would take a bus to the park or stadium, it would be completely quiet," Corbin said. "I know the guys had headphones on, but they weren't talking. They were looking out the window watching what was going on."

The USA Baseball National Team consists of some of the top collegiate baseball players in the country. The team began with several exhibition games, then competed in the tournament. Perhaps the fact that those from Vanderbilt were able to leave their mark exemplifies the program's rise to prominence.

"(Price and Alvarez's success) attracts other guys," Corbin said. "Now we've got kids thinking, 'Well, I can get my engineering degree, but I can also be a professional baseball player too.'"



## FOOTBALL



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Former Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler learns that he has been drafted by the Denver Broncos as his family members look on in disbelief. He later signed a 6-year, \$48 million contract.

## Commodores prepared for life after Cutler

By Jarred Amato  
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

The way the national media tends to talk about Jay Cutler's collegiate career, one would assume that No. 6 was out there alone on Saturdays.

While the Commodores will undoubtedly miss their first-team All-Southeastern Conference quarterback, coach Bobby Johnson and his players know that Cutler's supporting cast last season was a whole lot better than some ESPN analysts may have thought.

"The media doesn't know what really goes on," said senior Marlon White, who caught six touchdowns a year ago. "He couldn't have done it by himself. Somebody had to catch the ball, somebody had to block for him.

It was more than a one-man show. He was the man though."

No one agrees with White more than his coach.

"I thought we had a better supporting cast, and we had a lot of people play well which enabled Jay to play well," Johnson said. "Jay did it, but he was helped because we had better players at certain positions."

Wide receiver was one of them. In addition to White, Cutler often connected with Erik Davis, now with the New England Patriots, and sophomore Earl Bennett, who caught 79 passes for 876 yards and nine touchdowns en route to earning second-team All-SEC honors as a true freshman.

Another second-team All-SEC performer was senior tackle Brian Stamper, who replaces

Cutler as the team's offensive captain this year.

When Stamper hears analysts blame Jay Cutler's supposedly poor footwork on the inadequate offensive line, he takes it personally.

"We do kind of take it as motivation, as ammo to go out there and be perfect every play," he said.

Not only did Stamper not allow a sack last season, despite blocking some of the league's best defensive ends, his team actually allowed the fewest sacks in the SEC. Still, Stamper sees room for improvement.

"That's a great stat," he said. "But, again, we want that stat to be zero."

With Cutler no longer wearing black and gold, the majority of college football analysts believe

that the Commodores will return to the conference cellar.

Despite losing their quarterback, Stamper and company want people to realize that they didn't win five games, including the finale against Tennessee, because of one player, no matter how special he was. Furthermore, the supporting cast that helped Cutler succeed is now one year faster and stronger.

"That's again more motivation to go out there and prove that he was an awesome player, and there were a lot of other people putting forth the effort too," Stamper said.

Although the Commodores would be naïve to think they are better off without the 11th pick in the NFL Draft soon to be

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## ATHLETICS

## Vandy athletics have higher expectations

David Williams said playing in bowl games must be football's goal

By Jarred Amato  
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

The fact that Vanderbilt is the smallest and lone private school in the Southeastern Conference is no longer an excuse for athletic mediocrity, said David Williams, vice chancellor for university affairs.

"I would give us a 'B,'" Williams said, when asked for a current grade of Vanderbilt athletics. "We have to move to that next level and that next level is the expectation that we win championships."

Williams said that there is an internal competition to see "who's going to be the first coach to win a national championship?"

While encouraged by the football team's 5-6 record last season, finishing 2-10 or 3-9 is "not okay," Williams said.

"I think the expectation for football has to be bowl games," he said, meaning that Vanderbilt would need to go 6-6 or better.

Quarterback Jay Cutler has already given Vanderbilt football a boost by providing the program with constant national attention. It is because of his success that led ESPN to ask Vanderbilt to play Michigan on September 2.

"Us playing Michigan is a byproduct of that exposure," Williams said. "ESPN came to us. We didn't seek that out, Michigan didn't seek that out."

Excluding the Thursday night

contest, Michigan-Vanderbilt will be the first college football game of the season.

"ESPN, not ESPN 2," Williams said. "ESPN, at the Big House."

When the Commodores begin their season, all true freshmen will have already completed two courses. That is because the university made a "concentrated effort on bringing in our revenue-sport freshmen" for summer school, Williams said.

22 freshmen - 16 football players, two men's basketball players and four women's basketball players - each completed six hours of classes this summer and finished with a combined grade point average of 3.3.

Williams said he spoke with football coach Bobby Johnson about the impact that summer school has had on the freshmen.

"(Johnson) said he could actually tell the difference with the freshmen players right now," Williams said. "He said, 'right about now, in the past, the kids are getting real edgy about the first day of class. These freshmen aren't.'"

Not only will the freshmen feel more comfortable in the classroom, they will also realize the emphasis Vanderbilt places on academics.

"They understand that academics is really the most important," Williams said. "Football is also something important, but academics is

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BASEBALL

# Flaherty, Macias see what it's like to be famous

By Jarred Amato  
HUSTLER SPORTS EDITOR

It wasn't too long ago that Vanderbilt teammates Ryan Flaherty and David Macias were little kids themselves, collecting baseball cards and signatures of their favorite players.

Yet here they were this summer, signing autographs before and after each game they played for the Hyannis Mets of the Cape Cod Baseball League.

"I was a kid once and it probably would have been me down by the dugout asking for autographs," Flaherty said, as if that were an eternity ago.

Macias, meanwhile, said he loved the notoriety.

"All the kids know you and know your name," he said. "It's cool to have them look up to you."

As much fun as the two friends had playing baseball in the most competitive amateur summer league, it was the other things — landscaping during the day, living with a host family and signing autographs — that made the experience unique.

"It was all I expected and probably even more," Flaherty said. "People have a real passion for baseball."

Part of the Cape League tradition is the fact that every player must live with a local family. Flaherty said that his family would cook him meals and attend his baseball games and even admitted that they did not make him do chores around the house.

While they did set his curfew for 1 a.m., the sophomore shortstop probably would have been too tired to go out much later anyway, as the Mets played nearly every day from mid-June to early August.

"It was real tough by the end of the year," Flaherty said. "But that's why you love the game."

During the day, the two friends

worked as counselors at local baseball camps, in addition to landscaping, where they seemed to find modest success.

"I guess we did an okay job," Flaherty said.

For Macias, spending a summer away from his home in The Woodlands, Texas was well worth it.

"It's great seeing your family, but it's great playing baseball every day, too," he said.

Given Macias' success, it's no wonder he enjoyed his time in the Bay State. The junior centerfielder hit .281 in the wooden-bat league with an on-base percentage of .385.

As a result, the Mets' leadoff hitter was one of just four outfielders named to the All-League team.

"It's an honor," he said. "I just went out there and had fun and played baseball."

Macias said the key was to stay positive despite facing an elite pitcher every night.

"They throw so hard, and they're not afraid to go inside and break bats," he said.

The toughest pitcher, according to Macias, was Georgia reliever Josh Fields, who also earned All-League honors.

The Mets' manager, Greg King, came away impressed with Macias' focus.

"David approached the game the same way every single day," King said. "He acts the same whether he gets three hits or strikes out."

King also said that the biggest adjustment for all hitters in the Cape League is the need to be prepared for every at-bat.

"It's basically like seeing a Price every single night," said King, referring to Vanderbilt ace David Price.

In addition to their talent (Flaherty batted third and led the

team in triples and was second with 18 RBIs), King valued their dedication.

"Ryan and David were two of the finest kids you're ever going to coach," he said. "I love getting Vanderbilt players because they play hard and are outstanding kids. You never have to worry about their character."

It's no wonder, then, that there were five other Commodores playing in the league. Dominic de la Osa and Diallo Fon played for the Wareham Gatemen, Cameron Betourne and Ty Davis played for the Orleans Cardinals and Cody Crowell played for the Brewster Whitecaps.

Flaherty said he was 1-for-3 with a double and strikeout off Crowell, while Macias said he was 0-for-2 against the Commodore lefty.

When Macias stepped into the batter's box, he couldn't help but crack a smile.

"It was pretty cool," he said. "But then he had my number."

Over in Wareham, Fon and de la Osa batted second and third, respectively, as the Gatemen advanced to the League finals. Like Macias, de la Osa earned All-League honors. He hit .270 with 12 RBIs during the regular season and batted .389 in five playoff games.

"Dominic has a great summer for us," said Gatemen manager Cooper Farris. "He really made a name for himself."

As did the rest of the Commodores, which is why coach Tim Corbin is already looking forward to their future.

"I know I'm speaking a little fast forward here but I think there's a good chance some of the guys will be playing professional baseball," he said.

If that's the case, they better start perfecting their signatures soon.



MIKE RACITI / Hyannis Athletic Association

Vanderbilt baseball player Ryan Flaherty greets a young fan, while teammate David Macias chases down a fly ball. The two friends spent the summer playing for the Hyannis Mets of the Cape Cod Baseball League. In addition to facing the nation's best pitchers on a nightly basis, Flaherty and Macias worked as counselors at a baseball camp and as landscapers.

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## Baseball program remains in good hands

The most important Vanderbilt athletic event of the past year did not happen on a playing field. Yet it may have

the 2005 recruiting class first in the nation, and last season the freshmen exceeded expectations.

STRAIGHT FROM THE TAP

**CRAIG TAPPER**

This past June, Corbin's youthful Commodore squad completed an impressive season with a run to the Southeastern Conference Championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance. The team heads into the 2006 season comprised mostly of underclassmen.

Over the summer, Corbin managed the USA National Team to a 28-2-1 record, as it captured gold at the FISU Tournament. The team's .919 winning percentage is the best mark ever by a U.S. collegiate baseball squad.

Corbin's accomplishments on the field and his knack for recruiting have helped make him one of the most acknowledged and respected baseball coaches in the nation. In the process, Vanderbilt baseball has exploded on campus and in the local community.

While free McDougal's chicken tenders surely helped promote the team this past season, students and local fans still filled the stadium. Hecklers were notorious down the third base line and a healthy contingent made the trip to Hoover, Ala. for the SEC Tournament.

Commodore nation is still seeking its first national championship in any sport. While the bowling and women's tennis teams are making strides to achieve that goal, Corbin's commitment to Vanderbilt provides the University with a perennial national title contender.

more long-term significance than the victory in Knoxville or finally triumphing in Rupp.

In June, baseball coach Tim Corbin announced that he would return to Vanderbilt and remove his name from contention for the LSU head coaching job. A powerful state school made a play for Corbin, and Vanderbilt prevailed.

After LSU's disappointing 2006 campaign in which it failed to qualify for the NCAA Tournament for the first time in 18 years, coach Raymond "Smoke" Laval resigned. Considered one of the most prestigious collegiate coaching positions in the nation, earning the LSU job would have been a major coup for any aspiring coach.

For about two weeks, Corbin appeared to be a top candidate to fill the vacant position in Baton Rouge. Corbin's departure would have been a disastrous blow to the face of Commodore athletics and exemplified the University's inability to persuade a talented head coach from fleeing for a more acclaimed athletic institution.

During his four seasons with the Commodores, Corbin has established the Black and Gold as powerful recruiters and legitimate contenders. Baseball America named

## Q&A WITH COACH TIM CORBIN



Given the summer Tim Corbin had, the Vanderbilt Hustler decided to catch up with the baseball coach and hear what he had to say about a variety of topics, including his decision to stay at Vanderbilt, the competitiveness of college baseball and the success of former Commodore ace Jeremy Sowers.

**VH:** What are your thoughts on the growth of the Vanderbilt baseball program?

**TC:** I think we're getting to a point now where we're seen as a place where you can get a great education and play professional baseball, too. We've had 18 kids drafted out of our program the last three years and that's second only to Cal-State Fullerton.

**VH:** How does playing in the Cape Cod League help guys improve?

**TC:** From a hitting standpoint, it teaches the kids to get stronger. You really need to have a good swing to use wood. Aluminum bats sometimes allow you to cheat because you can use your body to hit the ball and you cannot do that with wood. I think from a pitching standpoint, it teaches them how to use a fastball and how to throw inside with no fear of an aluminum bat home run.

**VH:** How fortunate is it that David Price and Pedro Alvarez decided to come to school?

**TC:** Thank goodness they're here. They stuck by their word and that's not easy to do because you're looking at a decent amount of money. We've proven to them that by being patient, you'll make even more.

**VH:** How happy are you to be staying at Vanderbilt?

**TC:** I've got a comfort level here that I really like. My daughter is a freshman here now, playing tennis, and that's going to be fun to see her. It'll be fun to watch her grow a little bit and play. I just love this school and the fact that we're building a baseball program that is at one of the best institutions in the country.

**VH:** Talk about the competitiveness of college baseball.

**TC:** The parity is incredible. The fact that we work like animals in the weight is not novel. Everyone is doing it. There's a lot of people doing it illegally too with drugs and stuff like that. You'd be stupid if you sat back and said no one's doing these things. That just shows the competitiveness of what we're involved in.

**VH:** Are you excited to see Jeremy Sowers pitch for the Cleveland Indians?

**TC:** I'm more excited now because I didn't get to see him (while coaching in Cuba). He called me yesterday and I need to call him back. I'm excited to sit down and Tivo a game with him in it.

**VH:** What makes Sowers such a good pitcher?

**TC:** He's the most balanced kid I've ever seen in my life mentally. I know he draws comparisons to (major league pitcher) Tom Glavine, but Jeremy Sowers has a chance to carve his own path. He's got ability, he takes care of himself, he has been brought up well and he is talented in a lot of different ways.

## Cutler: Does ready to move on

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challenging Jake Plummer for the starting quarterback job in Denver, they are confident that he can be replaced.

"Jay's a great quarterback - you saw what he did when he played in the preseason games," Stamper said. "But, if everybody on the field does what they're supposed to do, we have enough talent to win at this level."

Bennett certainly agrees.

"Of course we know Jay was a great player, but I'm really confident that the quarterbacks we have now will step in and get the job done," Bennett said, referring to the team's three signal-callers: redshirt sophomore Chris Nickson, redshirt freshman Mackenzi Adams and junior transfer Richard Kovalcheck.

They do, after all, have some pretty good receivers to throw to. Johnson said that along with Bennett and White, sophomores Bryant Anderson, George Smith and Sean Walker, and freshmen Alex Washington and Justin Wheeler had "very good camps."

As for the offensive line, Stamper said, "We're definitely taking it upon ourselves to make the quarterback's job as easy as possible."

So, does Johnson think that this year's squad will be able to prove that Cutler's supporting cast was better than the national media gives it credit for?

"I hope so," he said. "I hope we perform well so they can see that. That'll be the first thing we've got to do."

While Johnson will wait to make that case, White has no problem saying it now.

"With him gone, people are not expecting a lot from us so we've just got to show people we are more than just Jay Cutler," he said. "And we are."

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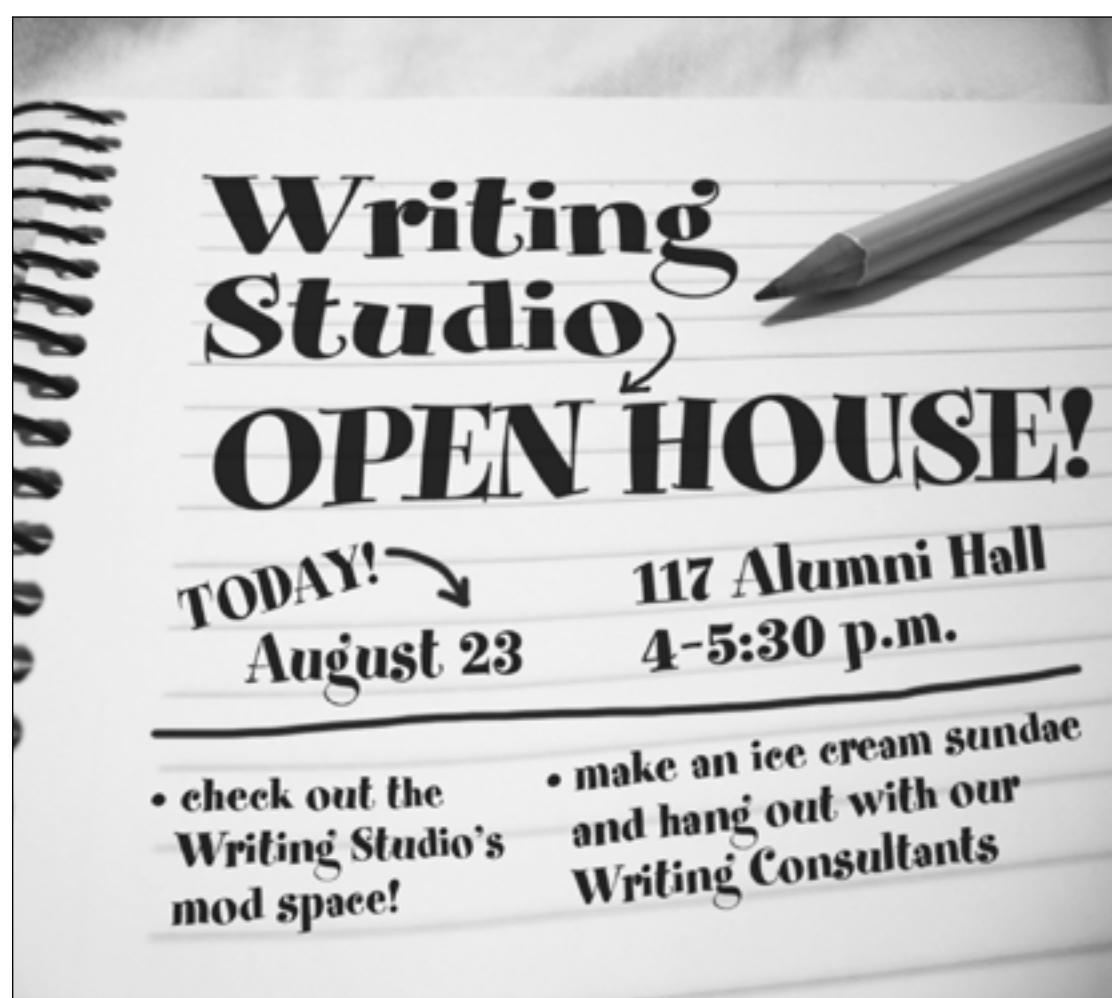
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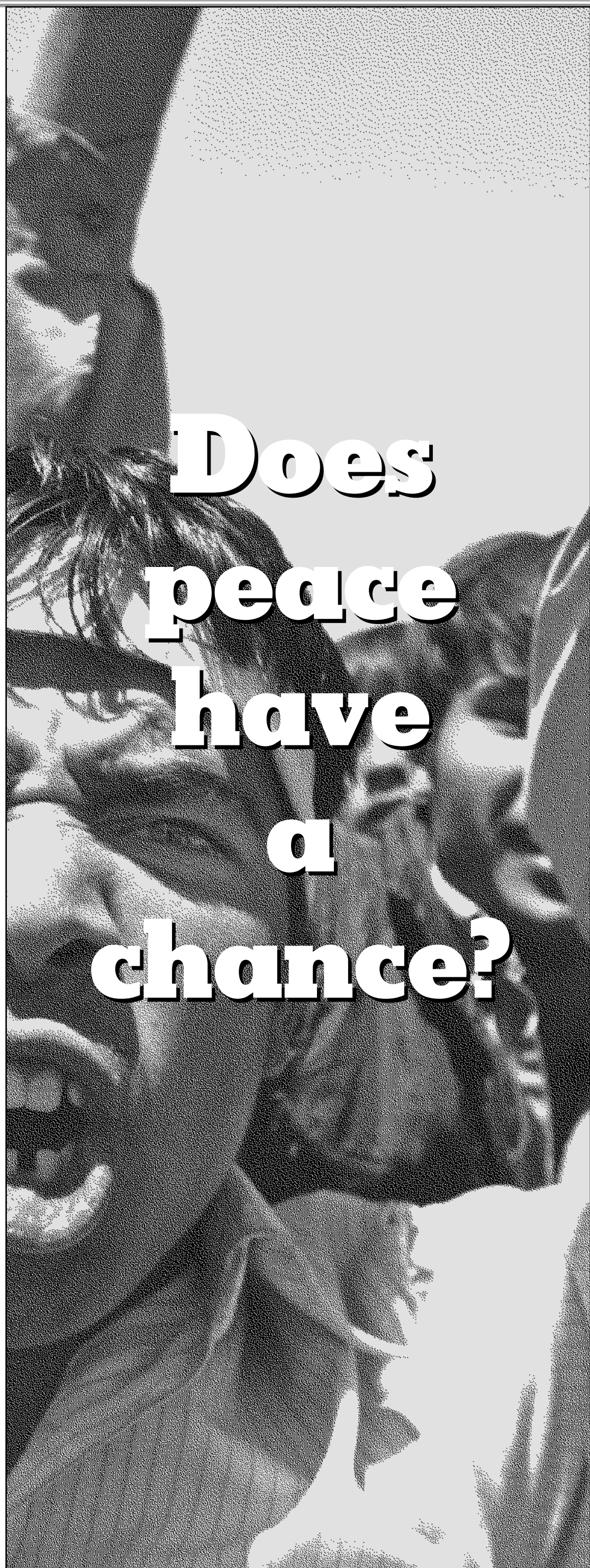
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# Does peace have a chance?

## Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Benefit
  - 6 \_\_\_ for thought
  - 10 Hat part
  - 14 Multituit complex, briefly
  - 15 Actress Skye
  - 16 Astronaut Sally
  - 17 Bikini, e.g.
  - 18 Mason's wedge
  - 19 Misfortunes
  - 20 Tom Jones hit
  - 22 Fortified residences
  - 24 Substructure
  - 26 K.C. winter hrs.
  - 29 \_\_\_ avis
  - 30 Dig down
  - 35 \_\_\_ d'oeuvres
  - 37 Attaches temporarily
  - 39 January in Spain
  - 40 Verbal exams
  - 42 Greek letter
  - 43 Inferior
  - 44 Old treasure
  - 45 Part of SASE
  - 47 Religious faction
  - 48 Theatrical works
  - 50 Island garlands
  - 52 Ordinal ending
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  - 56 Auto frame
  - 60 Rescinds formally
  - 64 This place
  - 65 Muse of history
  - 67 Plumed wader
  - 68 Author Haley
  - 69 Younger Saارينen
  - 70 Poker action
  - 71 June 6, 1944
  - 72 Arrest
  - 73 Criticize strongly

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- 10 Man from Manchester
- 11 Streamlet
- 12 Inactive
- 13 Disorderly state
- 21 Hurry-up acronym
- 23 Superman's makeup?
- 25 Fireplace shelves
- 26 Combination of tones
- 27 More achy
- 28 Musical syllables
- 31 Son of Seth
- 32 Small flycatcher
- 33 Put up
- 34 Bridge position
- 36 Actor Pickins
- 38 Product display area
- 41 Wound surfaces
- 46 High-pitched flute
- 49 Cake servings
- 51 Outstanding!
- 54 Dot on a map
- 55 Permitted by law
- 56 Landlocked African nation
- 57 Pinned down
- 58 Vicinity
- 59 Lolita-ish
- 61 Met highlight
- 62 More or \_\_\_
- 63 Proofer's save
- 66 Rage

- DOWN**
- 1 Large number
  - 2 Carry
  - 3 Organic compound
  - 4 Off-the-cuff remark
  - 5 Billfold filler
  - 6 Farms for fry
  - 7 Exclamation of wonderment
  - 8 Chilling

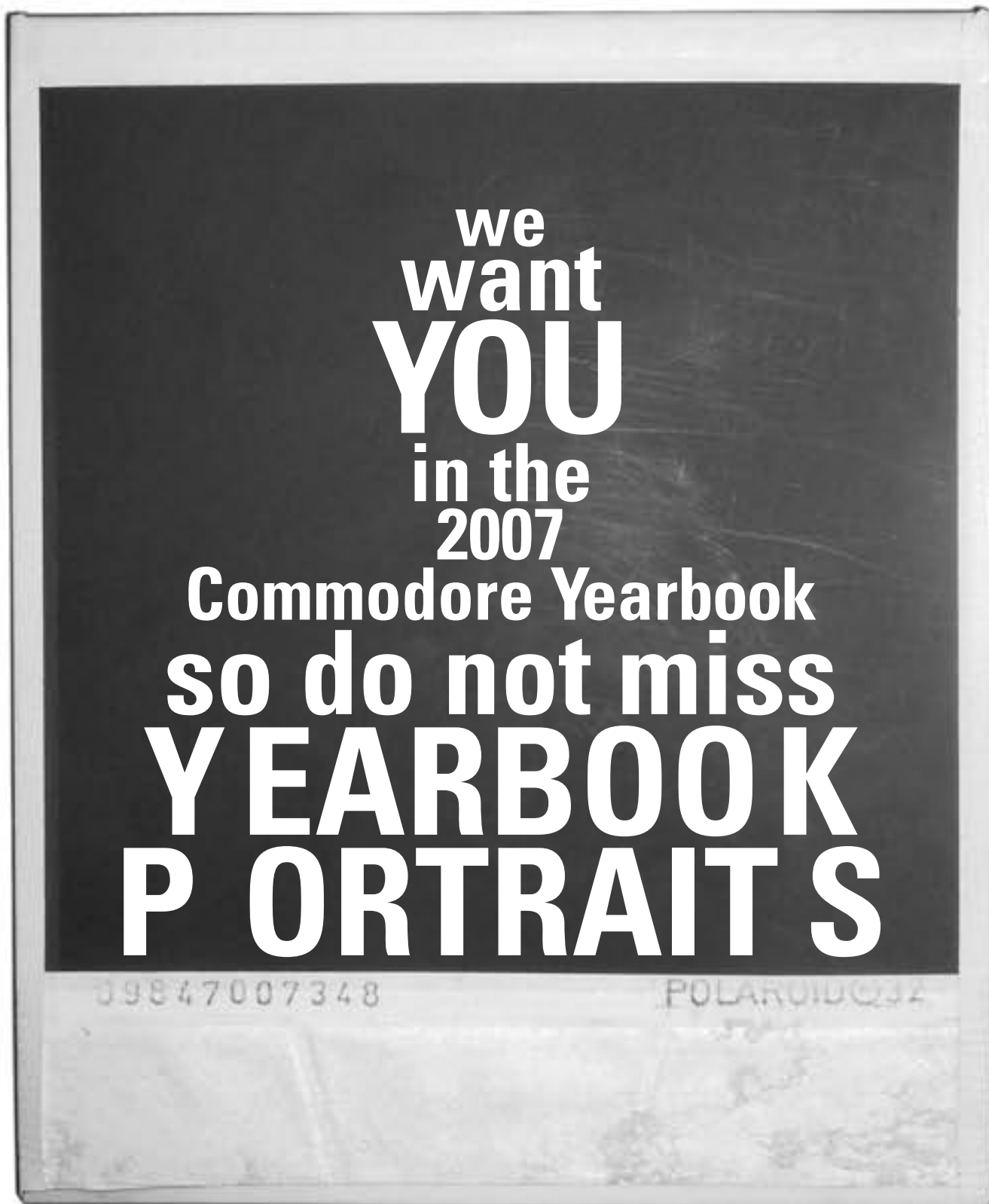
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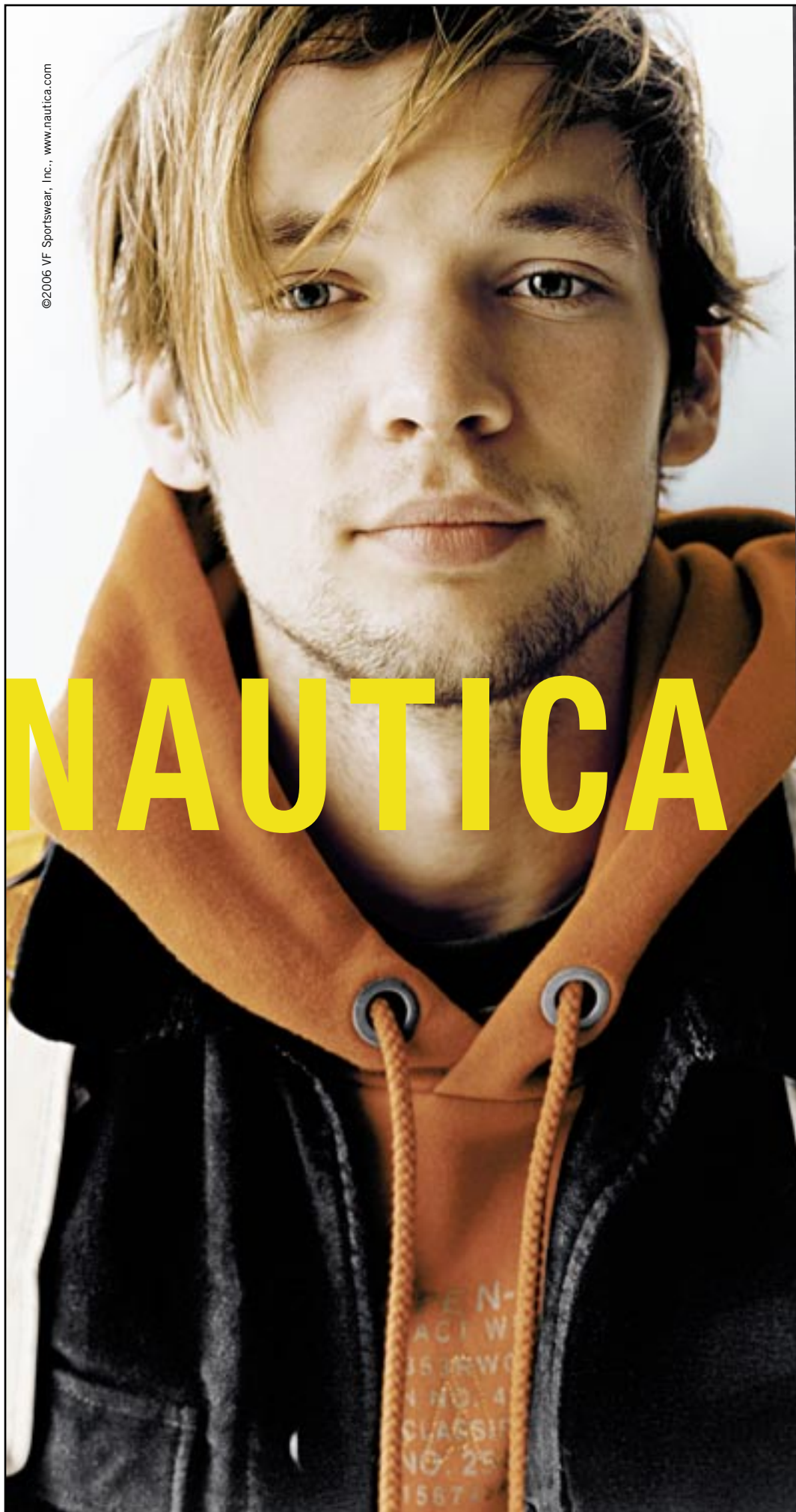
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