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NOT SO COCKY NOW



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The Vanderbilt Commodores rejoice after defeating a ranked opponent in Nashville for the first time since 1992. Vanderbilt rallied from a halftime deficit to beat No. 24 South Carolina, 24-17.

by **DAVID RUTZ**
Sports Editor

Junior Greg Billinger paused, then smiled.

"I'm kind of speechless right now," he said.

A win of this magnitude for a program in long search of one would make any player be at a loss for words.

It was the big win at home Vanderbilt had been flirting with for so long. It finally came Thursday night, as Vanderbilt rallied from a halftime deficit to defeat the No. 24 South Carolina Gamecocks 24-17 and improve to 2-0 for the first time since 2005. Vanderbilt snapped a 10-game losing streak in Southeastern Conference openers. Oh, and make that two in a row over the legendary Steve Spurrier.

"How do you explain it?" Spurrier asked. "We just got beat. They played smarter."

Although Vanderbilt had won games over ranked opponents as the visitor in recent years, it had been 16 years since the team had beaten a ranked team at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Redshirt senior quarterback Chris

Nickson, who threw for one touchdown and ran for another, felt the team owed it to the fans to perform at a high level in Nashville.

"We've had some great wins away and then we come home and suck it up," said Nickson. "We owe it to our Vanderbilt community and our students to finally perform and we did a great job tonight, and I hope they're happy with it."

"Happy" would be an understatement. The fans enthusiastically responded to the team's request to blackout the stadium and were on their feet on every third down, on every big play, louder than it had been in years.

"I don't think I've ever seen the place that packed," Billinger said, who had two sacks and blocked a field goal. "To have South Carolina's fans in that one little area and see black everywhere else felt pretty great."

"Our students and our faculty are behind us 100 percent," Nickson said. "Support goes a long way, as long as you support us when we're up or when we're down, we're going to give you our all."

Vanderbilt needed that support after a sluggish first half that saw the Commodores gain just 50 yards on offense. In the second

half, they came out a different squad, scoring 21 straight points and then holding the lead thanks to several big runs by redshirt junior Jared Hawkins to run out the clock in the fourth quarter.

Down the stretch, the Commodores just bullied the Gamecocks, and a national television audience on ESPN saw a team tired of being looked at as an easy win.

"For our team, this definitely is a statement," Hawkins said, who set a career high with 84 rushing yards. "We're trying to show people we can play big schools. This is a big stepping stone for our program."

With the 2-0 start, Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson believes his team is on the precipice of greatness, but there remains room for improvement.

"I think this ups the ante a little bit," said Johnson. "We've got a responsibility now. We've got to keep playing this way. Play better, get better, work harder."

"We've got to follow it up. We've still got our work cut out for us big time."

"It's great for our community, it's great for this school and this program," Hawkins said. "We have a lot of high expectations for this team. We've got a lot to prove as a team." ■

'Paris, Tokyo' and now Nashville

by **JANELLE STOKES**
Greek Scene Specialist

Chicago rapper Lupe Fiasco will open up for Lil Wayne at this year's Commodore Quake.

Senior Giorgio Berry thinks the artist selections make more sense musically than last year, when Guster opened up for Kanye West.

"Quake this year will have more of a party feel," said Berry. "Last year was random with Guster and it just wasn't cohesive with Kanye West."



LUPE FIASCO

Junior Charity Hemphill expected something popular and new for Quake.

"I think that Lil Wayne is fine but TSU [Tennessee State University] already had him last year," said Hemphill. "I don't like redundancy." ■

LEADERSHIP

Changes to Commodore Express service offer convenience

by **CHRISTEL MARINCICH**
News Contributor

With the start of a new semester, changes have been made to the Commodore Express service, sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government.

Commodore Express is a shuttle service provided by VSG for students to do some shopping and get the chance to get off campus without having to incur cab fees or deal with confusing bus routes.

"The main change is in the schedule of the shuttles, which offer more departures at more convenient times for students" said sophomore Thomas Obenchain, co-chair of the Student Services and Technology Committee. "We're trying to build a greater focus on reliability with these shuttles."

This year, the shuttle offers trips to Green Hills, Kroger and Target every other Sunday, in addition to three special trips to Opry Mills throughout the semester. Last year, there was a shuttle once a month that went to Target and Kroger and another shuttle that took students to Opry Mills and Green Hills.

"Last year we rode around in the Commodore Express just to see how long rotations took going to Target and Kroger," said sophomore Jean Xiao, co-chair of the same committee. "We discovered that just offering one departure time and one pick up time wasted our money. The driver would just stay somewhere for three hours, so we added additional departure times and pick up times so the service would be more valuable to students."

The trip to Opry Mills has its own special bus the same size as last year's, an InShuttle mini bus

COMMODORE EXPRESS DATES

Sept. 7

Sept. 21

Oct. 12

Oct. 26

Nov. 9

Dec. 7

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Fall Break:

Oct. 17

Oct. 21

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Nov. 22

Nov. 30

with space for 25 passengers. This bus will take the students to Opry Mills and wait for them, giving them a range of two hours to do their shopping.

"Trips to Oprymills usually require an entire afternoon," Obenchain said. "Students really appreciate that they can get off campus and go to an exciting place."

The Commodore Express service will have the chance to test out its new modifications for the first time Sunday, Sept. 7, with a trip to Target and Kroger departing from North House at 1 p.m. Last year's departing location was Branscomb, but since the service is meant to target first-year students, this year's pick-up location is North House, an initiative Obenchain and Xiao started over the summer.

"We are very excited about the new modifications," Obenchain said. "They will allow a larger amount of students the opportunity to move off campus and take care of their needs. We are looking forward to our first trip on Sunday." ■

Kickoff Cookoff

Members of sororities participating in the 3rd annual Kickoff Cookoff go head to head in a watermelon-eating contest on Wednesday on Olin Lawn. Though there could only be one winner, everybody was smiling because proceeds from the ticket sales benefitted the Fannie Battle Day Home for Children, a local Nashville organization.

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SPORTS: Check out more coverage of the Commodore victory over the Gamecocks. **SEE PAGE 8**

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SUNDAY



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MONDAY



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NEWS BRIEFS

Jury seated in Knoxville sex slaying case

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A jury of six men and six women has been seated in the trial of a Knoxville high school teacher's husband accused of killing his wife's teenage lover.

The jury was picked Thursday in the second day of the process, with opening statements scheduled for Friday. The final 12 were chosen from 53 prospective jurors.

Eric McLean, 33, of Knoxville is charged with first-degree murder in last year's fatal shooting of 18-year-old Sean Powell, the lover of McLean's wife, a teacher. McLean claims it was an accident.

The trial is likely to stretch into next week. The jury is sequestered.

Assistant District Attorney Bill Crabtree said during jury selection that no "deserved killing" is allowed under Tennessee law.

Defense attorney Bruce Poston said the case is not about who did it, but what was done.

Grand jury to hear professor, sister shooting death case

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Four people charged in the shooting deaths of a Vanderbilt University professor and his sister at his Nashville home will have their case bound over to a grand jury.

Thomas Reed, 20, George Cody, 29, Michael Holloway, 22, and Gennyfer Hutcherson, 35, are charged with criminal homicide in the death of 32-year-old Pierre Colas, an anthropology professor from Hamburg, Germany.

Twenty-seven-year-old, Marie Colas, who was visiting her brother, was also shot last week and died a few days later at Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

Investigators have yet to finger the shooter, and the suspects claim they didn't kill either victim though they did use Colas' credit cards three hours after he was killed.

Matt Filter, the lead detective on the case, said there may be more arrests.

Detroit mayor pleads guilty in sex scandal

DETROIT (AP)—Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was bounced from office Thursday in a deal with prosecutors that will send him to jail and put an end to the sex scandal that embarrassed this chronically struggling city and preoccupied its government for months.

The 38-year-old "Hip-Hop Mayor," who brought energy and excitement to City Hall when he took office in 2002, pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice and will get four months behind bars.

The Democrat will also pay a \$1 million fine and lose his license to practice law, and cannot run for any elected office for five years. His resignation will take effect in two weeks.

Kilpatrick was charged earlier this year with perjury and other offenses for denying he and his chief of staff had an affair. The scandal broke wide open in January with the release of a trove of lusty text messages between the two of them that appeared to contradict the mayor.

"I lied under oath," the beefy former college lineman said in court Thursday. His wife, Carlita, watched from the second row, occasionally closing her eyes.

Coming after eight months of turmoil and demands that Kilpatrick step down, the plea bargain was met with relief from politicians and ordinary Detroit residents alike. His departure could also remove a major embarrassment for Barack Obama and the Democrats in Michigan, a crucial battleground state in the presidential election.

"This gives us hope. He's not a king," said Monica Smith, 24, of Detroit, a college student who was on the courthouse steps. "This is a huge victory for the city of Detroit. He was not a role model. He was a thug. I'm definitely optimistic."

Rescuers can't get aid to starving Haitian city after Hanna

GONAIVES, Haiti (AP)—The convoy rumbled out of the U.N. base toward a flooded, starving and seething city Thursday, carrying some of the first food aid since Tropical Storm Hanna drowned Gonaives in muddy water three days ago.

Hungry children at three orphanages were waiting for the canvas-topped trucks, loaded with warm pots of rice and beans and towing giant tanks of drinking water.

They still are. The convoy crept over mud-caked, semi-paved roads past closed stores, overturned buses and women wading in water up to their knees with plastic tubs on their heads.

After about 45 minutes, the half-dozen trucks ground to a halt. U.N. peacekeepers wearing camouflage fatigues and bulletproof vests jumped out while others stood guard with assault rifles.

Before them, a huge gouge marred the road. The floods had split the asphalt, and water ran through the 10-foot-wide (3-meter-wide) gap.

The convoy turned around. And the children—like tens of thousands more in this increasingly desperate city—went another day without food.

Some 250,000 people are affected in the Gonaives region, including 70,000 in 150 shelters across the city.

Michael Moore to release "Slacker Uprising" film online for free

NEW YORK (AP)—Inspired by Neil Young and Radiohead, Michael Moore will release his new film online and for free.

The film, "Slacker Uprising," follows Moore's 62-city tour during the 2004 election to rally young voters. It will be available for three weeks as a free download to North American residents, beginning Sept. 23. An official announcement of the film is planned for Friday.

Moore said he considered releasing "Slacker Uprising" theatrically as "Michael Moore's big election year movie" as he did with 2004's "Fahrenheit 9/11," which was highly critical of President Bush.

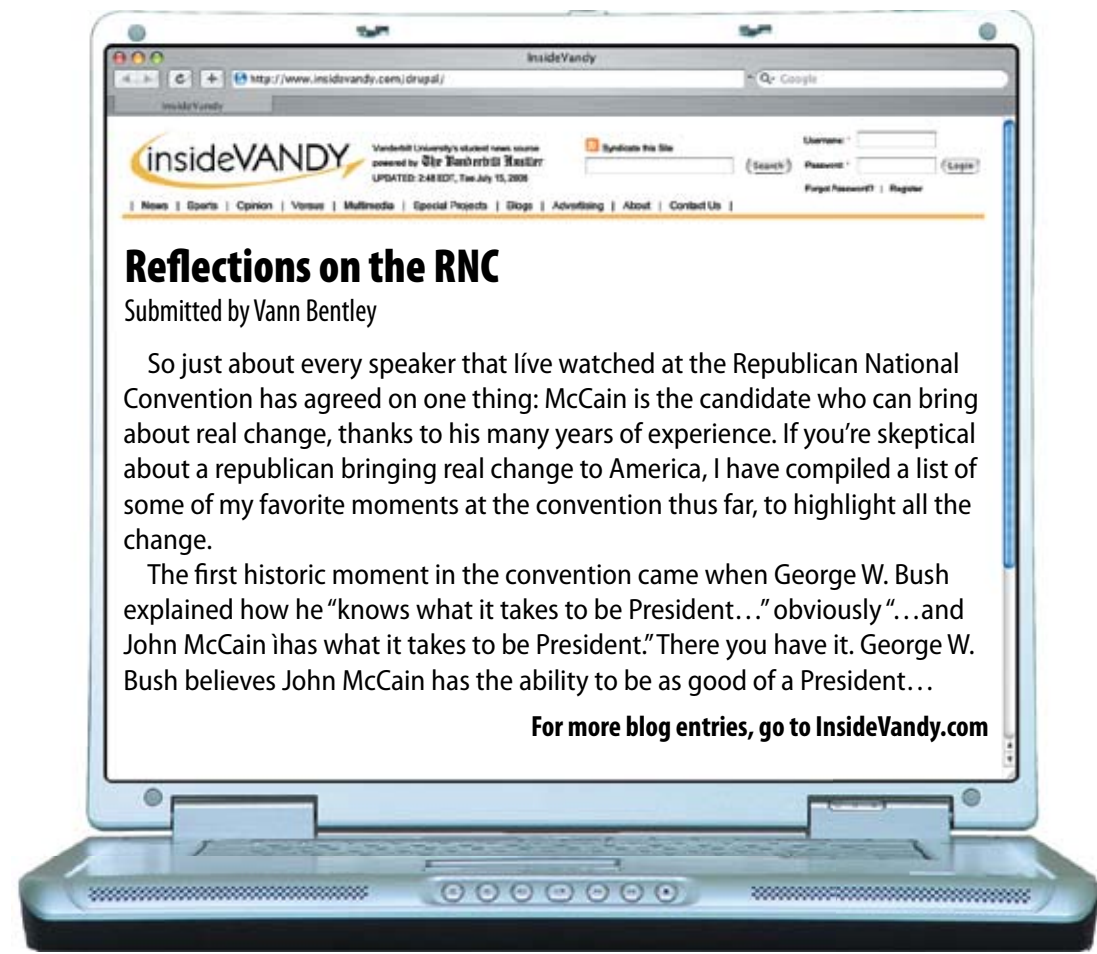
Instead, Moore opted for a symbol of gratitude to his fans as he approaches the 20th anniversary of his first film, 1989's "Roger & Me."

"I thought it'd be a nice way to celebrate my 20th year of doing this," Moore said. "And also help get out the vote for November. I've been thinking about what I want to do to help with the election this year."

The 97-minute long "Slacker Uprising" will be the first major film to be released in such a way. Last December, "Jackass 2.5" was streamed online and for free, but that was only a collection of left over material from "Jackass 2." Companies like ClickStar, which Morgan Freeman co-founded, have made films still in theaters—such as 2006's "10 Items or Less" — digitally available for purchase or rental.

Experimentation in distribution has been more common in the music industry, where the Internet has significantly damaged traditional business models.

FROM THE BLOG



Reflections on the RNC

Submitted by Vann Bentley

So just about every speaker that live watched at the Republican National Convention has agreed on one thing: McCain is the candidate who can bring about real change, thanks to his many years of experience. If you're skeptical about a republican bringing real change to America, I have compiled a list of some of my favorite moments at the convention thus far, to highlight all the change.

The first historic moment in the convention came when George W. Bush explained how he "knows what it takes to be President..." obviously "...and John McCain ihas what it takes to be President." There you have it. George W. Bush believes John McCain has the ability to be as good of a President...

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SNAPSHOT

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Sarah Dixon from CET and student Rachel Maggin discuss study abroad opportunities at the Vanderbilt GEO Study Abroad Fair Wednesday September 3, 2008.

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ACADEMICS

Political science professor receives industry book award

by ABRAHAM HANSON
News Contributor

Recognized for his literary accomplishment, political science professor David Lewis received the Simon Book Award at the American Political Science Association's annual August conference. Lewis' book, "The Politics of Presidential Appointments: Political Control and Bureaucratic Performance," presents both theory and analysis of the politicization of presidential appointments and its effect on government performance.

For politicization, Lewis measures the percentage of appointed positions and the penetration of those positions within the agencies, using a combination of case studies and management scores.

By a comparative study of the past three presidencies, Lewis answers three questions: which positions went to appointees, how placement differed by administration and how the process inevitably affected performance. His study shows that presidential appointments hinge greatly on party orientation. Agencies are often targeted and staffed according to their liberal or conservative slant. For example, regulatory and

welfare agencies, often viewed as liberal-leaning agencies, would be the focus of conservative administrations.

One focus of Lewis' book is the performance of the Federal Emergency Management Agency during Hurricane Katrina. In his opening chapter, Lewis cites FEMA as a case of an "appointee-heavy management structure (that) created numerous administrative problems." He references the high volume of FEMA appointments and lack of relevant experience among key leadership, namely former director Michael Brown.

He also mentions that limited potential for improvement is often short-lived, suffering from resilient internal dynamics and the push for presidents to create advantageous political alignments and to award campaign workers.

David Lewis recently joined the political science faculty this fall, after previously serving as assistant professor of politics and public affairs at Princeton University. "The Politics of Presidential Appointments: Political Control and Bureaucratic Performance" is published by the Princeton University Press and is available for purchase. ■

Study abroad initiatives stated for new year

by MARTYNA STOMSKI
News Contributor

With the onset of a new year, the Global Education Office highlighted many of Vanderbilt's 70 international study abroad programs at its annual Study Abroad Fair.

While the national average of students studying abroad is 8 percent, the Vanderbilt student body stands strong with 28-32 percent every year. Due to a stronger global culture and extra efforts made by students and administrators to encourage participation, there has been a 24 percent rise in student involvement in the last year.

Though in the past students with certain majors have been largely left out due to rigorous

course requirements and difficulties with AXLE criteria, in the last two years many new programs were created that are specifically aimed for students within these majors.

"We want students from different disciplines to study abroad," said Marie Martin, the assistant director of the GEO.

"We have opportunities which we are working on expanding, like engineering abroad, and we want students to know that it's an option."

With the expansion of the programs bringing in more students, financial aid has become very important. For traditional study abroad programs over the fall and spring semesters, most students can apply their Vanderbilt

scholarships and financial aid to cover expenses. In addition, scholarship opportunities have been increasing, from those that would pay for a plane ticket to monetary awards.

Despite these program enhancements, another important issue arises.

"A lot of students, because of their majors, like engineers, or whether they are a leader, can't easily leave campus, and their study abroad opportunities only come in the summer," said Vanderbilt Student Government president Joseph Williams. "There is currently no financial aid available and a lot of people may not be able to afford that."

Last spring VSG discussed making financial aid available for summer or Maymester study

abroad programs. Since then, VSG has been working with the Vanderbilt administration and many departments on that proposal. Although the details about funding and criteria to receive the financial aid are still in the early stages of negotiation, the proposal itself has been well received so far.

Williams has stated that his big goal is to have some sort of pilot program in place during the semester and hopefully have it finalized for the 2009 summer session. There still remains much to get done, and the biggest goal is to mobilize groups of students to take advantage of this initiative.

"By making it more financially feasible, it opens the door for more students," said Wyatt Smith, VSG vice president. ■

Football season starts off with good eats



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Cookoff attendees were treated to barbeque from some of the best restaurants in Nashville, with proceeds from the tickets sales going to support Fannie Battle Day Home for Children.

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Freshmen face usual alcohol problems

by **SISHIR MANNAVA**
News Contributor

Based on Randall Tarkington's experience, freshmen's drinking this year has been "pretty typical." Tarkington, interim senior director of residence life and residential education, said the birth of the Commons has helped curb drinking a great deal. Increased student faculty interaction and the "immunity rule" are meant to ensure student safety but the success in stymieing underage drinking has been varied.

First-year student and North House resident Hugh Schlesinger said he was shocked by the amount of drinking among the freshmen, but wouldn't have signed Head of Hank Ingram House, Dr. Tony Brown's "alcohol abstinence policy."

"I don't think that he was in any position to ask them to do that," said Schlesinger. "Freshmen will drink. College students will drink. The issue should be making sure they do it safely."

Tarkington said he thought Dr. Brown's intentions were good, but that the students

should solve the issue. "Emphasized discussion of the Community Creed is important, and it is up to friends to take care of their other friends and protect their community," said Tarkington.

According to Tarkington, irresponsible freshmen will realize they are putting a burden on the people around them and things will eventually improve. While optimistic about the maturing Commons system, Tarkington said he "would love to see a day when less students have to go to the emergency room." ■

Vanderbilt ranked No. 42 on list of Top 500 World Universities

Vanderbilt News Service

Vanderbilt University placed No. 42 on an academic ranking of the top 500 world universities by China's Shanghai Jiao Tong University, which compiles one of the leading international indexes of major universities.

The Chinese university also ranked Vanderbilt No. 34 on a breakdown of the Top 100 North and Latin American universities.

"We're extremely pleased to be recognized as one of the top universities in the world. The ranking reflects the hard work and dedication of our faculty, students and staff members,

as well as the distinction of our alumni," said Richard McCarty, Vanderbilt provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

The universities are ranked by several indicators of academic or research performance, including the numbers of alumni and staff winning Nobel Prizes and Fields Medals, the number of highly cited researchers, the number of articles published in the leading international journals Nature and Science, peer-reviewed articles published by faculty and students and the overall research productivity of the faculty. ■

Vandy fans black out the stands

The home opener saw the most fanatic return to the student section to cheer on the Commodores. ESPN coverage captured the fervor for national television.



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Prisons scramble to make digital TV switch

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C.—The big switch to digital TV has prison officials scrambling to keep one of the most important peacekeeping tools in prisons across the nation — broadcast television.

When the nation's broadcasters make the switch from analog to digital signals Feb. 17, televisions that aren't hooked up to cable, satellite or a converter box will be reduced to static. While TV might seem like an undeserved luxury for inmates, prison officials and inmates say the tube does more than fill year after year of idle hours — it provides a sense of normalcy and is a bargaining chip that encourages good behavior.

preparing consumers for the switch, running ads and offering government-funded coupons that can be redeemed for the converter boxes needed to display the digital signal on older TVs. But officials worry that prisoners may be left to stare at blank screens because they don't qualify for the \$40 coupons.

"They won't give us the switches, we called them," said South Carolina Corrections Department Director Jon Ozmint. "We asked them for the coupons and they said they're only available for households. I said, 'We're the big house.' But they didn't buy it."

Ozmint said state money won't be used to buy the undetermined number of converters South Carolina needs to keep its TVs running in common areas. Officials in many states haven't figured

out exactly how many converter boxes will be needed — and what the exact cost will be.

In Florida, corrections department spokeswoman Gretl Plessinger said officials are asking for donations for the digital boxes and could buy the converters themselves.

But that's something that may need legislators' approval because Florida law bars spending money on perks like cable TV for inmates. "It's important because it's an inmate idleness issue," Plessinger said. "(We're) concerned about inmates acting up if they're bored."

Plessinger, Ozmint and others — including those who have served time — see television more as necessity than perk. Norris Henderson, who spent 27

years in Louisiana's Angola prison, said it's a myth that inmates idle away the day watching soap operas and game shows.

"If anything has a priority, it's the news," Henderson said.

Where inmates watch TV, and for how long, depends on the state and prison. Some inmates watch television in communal day rooms, while other prisons let inmates have small TVs in their cells.

Checo Yancy, who spent 20 years in Angola, said TVs rarely are turned on when inmates are working — but there are exceptions. On Sept. 11, 2001, inmates watched in horror as the aftermath of the terror attacks on New York and Washington unfolded.

"Inmates were just as heartbroken as people on the outside," said Yancy, who now helps run the Louisiana chapter of Citizens United for Rehabilitation of Errants. "I saw guys cry that particular day because it was a tragedy."

Dr. Terry Kupers, a psychiatrist and prison expert at the University of California, Berkeley, said there is clear evidence that TV privileges can positively affect prisoners. At Indiana's Wabash Valley super-maximum security prison, he said, far fewer behavior problems were reported among inmates in isolation after they were given small televisions and prison officials spent more time talking with them.

"You don't want to be managing prisoners who have nothing to lose," Kupers said. ■

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ELECTION 2008

Vandy students storm St. Paul

by KATHERINE MILLER
Election Project Director

Throughout the Republican National Convention, amid the mass of veterans and older voters, few college students could be seen. Vanderbilt, however, was well represented.

Junior Amy Venit was one such student. "It's a unique experience to see a cross-section of Americans gathering in one place to celebrate the ideals and actions of the party they believe in," said Venit. "Where else can you find people of all ages, economic backgrounds and geographical distributions banding together to celebrate ... and work to elect the next president of the United States?"

Following her spring semester internship with the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C., Venit has spent the week volunteering for the party on the floor of the convention.

Venit isn't the only Vandy student in St. Paul, however.

Senior Vivek Surti, a native of Nashville and former Fred Thompson campaign volunteer also spent the week in St. Paul, working for the RNC.

Recent graduate Alex McVeagh, who serves as the co-chair of the Tennessee Students for

McCain, performed his duties as a delegate Wednesday, voting for John McCain during the roll call vote. McVeagh, who graduated in May, was a McCain supporter from the beginning of the election cycle. According to The Daily Texan, only 42 out of the 2,380 delegates in attendance were under 30 years old, making McVeagh's role a rare one.

While Barack Obama has dominated the youth vote, both in polls and culturally, vice-presidential nominee Sarah Palin may have energized a younger generation of party members.

"Palin's speech was truly magnificent," Venit said, who compared the speech to Obama's 2004 keynote address in Boston. "The Xcel center truly stood in awe while she spoke. Hers was the first and only speech where no one was mingling in the halls, heading to the restroom or hitting up the refreshments. Palin's commanding presence and powerful words ... left the audience in awe."

Now, though, the convention has concluded with McCain's call to service — perhaps a call to service for a new generation of Republicans.

"I grew up in the liberal enclave that is Montgomery County, Md.," Venit said, "so being around a lot of conservative people has been really inspiring." ■



CHARLES DHARAPAK / AP photo
Republican presidential nominee John McCain, right, is joined by his running mate, Sarah Palin at the end of his acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minn., Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008.

English Only remains off ballot

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—A Nashville judge ruled Thursday night against placing a referendum on the local ballot that would ban the use of foreign languages in Nashville's official communications and publications.

Chancellor Claudia Bonnyman upheld a decision by the Davidson County Election Commission.

The referendum proposes to amend Nashville's charter to specify that the city's official actions, communications and publications could be in English only.

Supporters of the measure collected more than 12,000 signatures, enough to place it before voters in November. But the election commission voted late last month to keep the initiative off the ballot on a technical issue: Referendums are not allowed to be held

within two years of each other, and this one would fall three days short of that mark.

Metro Councilman Eric Crafton, who sponsored the petition drive, said after Thursday's ruling that he will appeal, probably Friday.

This is not the first stumbling block in the effort to make Nashville government operate in English only. Crafton pushed a similar measure through the city council last year, but it was vetoed by then-

Mayor Bill Purcell.

K.C. McAlpin, executive director of the Arlington, Va.-based nonprofit ProEnglish, has said if voters approve the referendum, Nashville — with about 600,000 residents — would become the largest city ever to pass such a measure.

In her ruling, Bonnyman defended the 45-year-old Metro Charter, saying in its initial draft the council could have changed the time restriction but kept it at two years.

"The court must agree with the election commission," she said from the bench.

A coalition of groups sought to intervene in the lawsuit, including the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce.

"It speaks volumes for a coalition of people to come together and make sure the election procedures are followed," said Kenny Byrd, the main attorney for the coalition.

ProEnglish funded the petition drive, giving Crafton's group

about \$19,000 of the \$20,000 it spent contacting voters through automated phone calls and postcards.

Much of Nashville's business community has come out against the measure, fearing it could hurt the city's economic growth, especially tourism and recruiting international companies.

Current Mayor Karl Dean also has said he opposes the referendum. ■



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Lieberman lacks loyalty



AIMEE SOBHANI
Columnist

No one likes a flip-flopper. The public tends to mistrust inconsistent politicians (read: John Kerry). After hearing former Democratic vice-presidential candidate Joe Lieberman's recent anti-Obama remarks at the Republican National Convention, it wouldn't be surprising if 99 percent of Democrats now harbored a serious distaste for the Connecticut senator.

During his Sept. 2 speech at the RNC, Lieberman gave a speech praising his longtime friend John McCain while simultaneously questioning the leadership ability of Barack Obama, stating, "Eloquence is no substitute for a record." He also criticized the Democratic Party's views on the Iraq War, but praised Bill Clinton in the same speech, which seems slightly awkward.

Though it makes me uncomfortable, Lieberman's endorsement of McCain is not morally wrong. Lieberman has a right to his own opinion and is not obligated to support Obama.

What does bother me is that the Democrats' 2000 vice-presidential nominee would so openly criticize his party, especially in such a hostile, public environment. While it may be permissible to support someone on the opposing party for president, it seems disloyal for Lieberman to go the extra mile and denounce his party's decisions and its candidate.

Technically speaking, Lieberman is actually an "Independent Democrat." He, however, sides with Senate Democrats on most issues and holds some leadership positions in Senate committees because of his affiliation with the Democratic Party.

Not to be cliché, but it seems to me like Lieberman is biting the hand that feeds him. He owes the Democratic Party for its support of his political career. The least he can do is not badmouth Obama to a room full of die-hard Republicans.

The real issue here is loyalty, and it is a complicated issue in the context of politics. To be appealing, politicians must seem to be free thinkers who make decisions based on their personal thought process, not based on the thought process of their party leaders.

At the same time, politicians also must not seem too disloyal. Disloyalty is almost as bad as blind loyalty, if not worse, because disloyal people are suspicious and untrustworthy.

I believe there is a valid argument supporting a politician's general party loyalty. Most of the time, people run for office with a party label. Though some people claim they care about the candidates and not the party, it's undeniable that party preference plays a huge role in many voters' choices. Thus, a winning candidate partially owes his party for his victory.

In Lieberman's case, a gray area exists. Lieberman actually lost the Democratic primary in his state, which forced him to run as an Independent.

One could argue he does not owe the Democrats anything for his most recent victory, but Lieberman has been in the Senate for 20 years. Along the way, I imagine more Democrats than Republicans helped Lieberman achieve his legislative goals.

For his own sake, Lieberman should have made his pro-McCain speech while still maintaining a loyal facade. Top Democrats are paying attention to his words, and he will have a tough time getting back in their good graces.

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EDITORIAL

Gustav brings out the best of Vandy

This weekend, as the waters from Hurricane Gustav's wrath recede and the damage done to the Gulf Coast is cleared, the Vanderbilt community can reflect on its small role during this crisis. As reported this week in the Hustler, students from Tulane and other New Orleans area universities looked to Vanderbilt and Nashville as shelters from the storm. Whether by the relative proximity or from the knowledge of our past record, these students decided to put their faith and trust in our community during a time of duress.

Very fortunately, it seems our school has succeeded in fulfilling and going beyond our duty as a fellow institution of higher learning. The graciousness of our students who took in friends and strangers cannot be overstated. Though Vanderbilt students would probably regard such gestures as common courtesy and think nothing of them, they should be commended for their openness.

Also worthy of being commended is Vanderbilt Student Government. While their ability to fulfill their constitutional purpose of "empower(ing) the

undergraduate student body" is dubious at best, VSG has successfully represented our university well in their work to make displaced students feel at home.

By working with the Vanderbilt Red Cross and the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, VSG ensured that Vanderbilt community members could donate the simple necessities like toiletries to help these and other evacuees in the Nashville area. Working beyond this, VSG was able to work with the Dean of Students office to allow Tulane students access to the football game against South Carolina. Clearly unnecessary, the effort showed a desire to have these students feel at home.

Small but meaningful gestures like these have helped students in need, and they have done well for our own school's image. While probably none of the Vanderbilt community members involved had been thinking along these lines, the swift action taken this week has done well to dispel negative stereotypes about the compassion of our students.

Smoking ban reaches too far

For two decades, Vanderbilt University Medical Center has updated public smoking policies to reflect the idea that smoking "should not occur on a hospital campus." First with a (reasonable) ban on indoor smoking in 1989, the policy expanded to defining and enforcing designated outdoor smoking areas around the hospital. This week, those smoking areas were abolished as all outdoor smoking on hospital grounds is prohibited.

Added to the staff is a band of so-called "smoke patrol" employees who will be "vigilant" in enforcing the ban. According

to Vanderbilt News Service, these patrollers will direct students, faculty, patients and visitors to smoke on the sidewalks of 21st and Blakemore Avenues.

The effort to curb smoking at the hospital is admirable, but the implications about freedom are disturbing. While the private medical center is perfectly within its right to ban smoking on its grounds, this ban is part of a nationwide trend of trading personal liberty for public health concerns.

Will the dying patient who wants to enjoy a cigarette outside his hospital have to be wheeled across the street in

order to do so? Will the smoking undergraduate student or faculty member walking from Peabody to Main Campus be unfairly intimidated by the smoke patrol? Will this ban develop into a ban on talking on cell phones while crossing the street, as we have recently seen in Illinois?

Smoking is a health hazard, although some researchers believe the hazards of secondhand smoke have been vastly overstated. Nevertheless, it is an overreach for the Medical Center to deny smokers the right to smoke in the name of public health.

Living wage still not settled



CAROLYN PIPPEN
Columnist

One of the fundamentals on which our government is based is the idea that change in leadership allows for change and betterment throughout the country. It is the impetus behind the 22nd amendment, and it is why so many are claiming this year's election to be the most significant of our lifetime.

In the shadow of this larger impending decision, however, few people have taken notice of the fact that a similar shift in power has taken place at Vanderbilt, and the potential for ramifications on our campus is huge. This February, Nick Zeppos was announced as our new chancellor after the departure of Gordon Gee in 2007. Almost two weeks into the school year, however, I still have little idea of what kind of a chancellor Zeppos plans to be.

Although many were quick to praise Gee's competent ruling of our university once he was out the door, there were certainly moments of questionable judgment throughout his tenure — the sudden removal of the men's soccer team, a domestic drug scandal and, perhaps most frustrating, a close-minded attitude regarding the fight for a living wage for Vanderbilt employees.

Many upperclassmen will remember the year-long struggle in 2006 by the student organization LIVE and the National Labor Union to raise the base wage of campus employees from \$7.55 an hour to \$10.18, a number calculated by LIVE and adopted by the union as constituting a living wage in Nashville for a dual-income family of four. Despite fervent efforts by both organizations, months of animated editorials in the Hustler and a highly criticized sit-in during a meeting of the Board of Trustees, that ambitious but reasonable goal was not reached.

Instead, our employees settled for a compromise contract that promised to gradually raise the base pay to \$10, a number just under what was asked for by the union, and the administration made a conscious point to inform LIVE and the student body that the money for this reluctant increase came from academic and financial aid funds.

Some might say adequate progress was made in such a short amount of time and the Vanderbilt community should be pleased with how close we came to reaching the goal. I enrolled at this university, however, primarily for the sheer height of its standards and the ambition of its ideals, and it is my firm belief that as long as our chancellor was one of the highest paid university officials in the nation, it should not have taken such a battle to bring the rest of our employees within throwing distance of a comfortable living. Throughout the debate, Gee and our administration offered several rational reasons why we do not offer a living wage, but no one has ever sufficiently explained to me why it cannot be done.

The year is now 2008, and it is safe to say that over the last four semesters, the number comparable to a living wage in America has risen significantly. The contract agreed upon by Vanderbilt with its employees has reached its halfway point and will expire in spring of 2010. Wouldn't it be great if, this time around, our new chancellor helped serve as the driving force in the fight for the rights of his employees, instead of the figurehead against whom his students must continually butt heads?

I challenge you, Nick Zeppos, to be proactive rather than defensive as a leader, and to rise to the challenge this great opportunity offers you to emerge as a source of true change on our prestigious campus. I know we can do better.

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"Is it just me, or do the freshmen appear to be traveling in packs? Can they go anywhere alone?"

"I realize the majority of Vandy students have been spoiled and coddled all their lives, but you would think they would have enough sense to not pour food down the bathroom drains."

"When did the Hustler become Fox News? No, wait, at least Fox News attempts to support its opinions with facts. And to all the Bill O'Reilly wannabes, could you at least pretend not to be relying so much on truthiness when writing your opinion articles? Thanks."

"Vanderbilt has reached a new low in being overly politically correct in replacing 'freshmen' with 'first-year students.' It not only disregards the actual need for political correctness, but it fosters yuppy-ism. Just to make it fair all around, professors will henceforth be known only as 'subject-life mentors.'"

"Why would a professor have a test the day after the game? That's just cruel. I wanted to tailgate."

"To whoever vomited in the shower in Towers two, floor 8, leave a sign next time if you don't plan to clean it up. Seriously, I almost stepped in it."

Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

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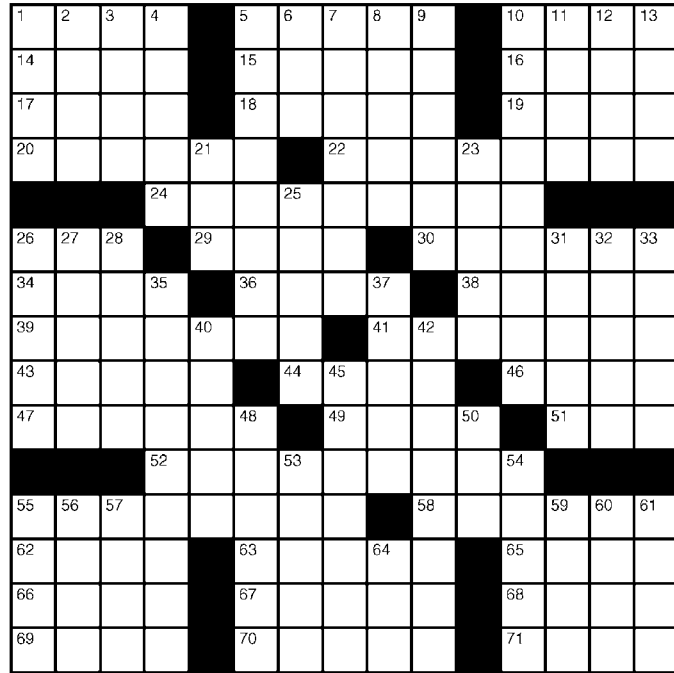


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SPORTS

Strong second half propels Commodores to another victory



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Jared Hawkins (31) rushes to the South Carolina 1-yard line, setting up a touchdown run by Chris Nickson to give Vanderbilt a 24-10 lead.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Contributor

South Carolina senior Ryan Succop knocked through a 41-yard field goal, and the teams jogged off the field, at the end of the first half of Vanderbilt's Thursday night matchup with South Carolina. With the score 10-3 in the Gamecocks' favor, the crowd sat mum, as Vanderbilt had managed just 50 yards of total offense in the first half.

When the Commodores returned after halftime, it was hard to imagine that they would come out and play, as coach Bobby Johnson called it, "their best football," and pull out their biggest home win since 1992. Vanderbilt scored three touchdowns in the second half and stifled the Gamecocks to win 24-17.

"When we had to get it done, we got it done," said Johnson. "We had some pretty tired puppies out there. Jared Hawkins ran hard, the offensive line blocked hard and the defensive line was relentless today. That's how you've got to win these kinds of games. You've got to play hard the second half."

It all started with a Brett Upson punt that kicked off South Carolina's Addison Williams, and was recovered by redshirt junior Ryan Hamilton. This proved to be the spark the Vanderbilt offense needed, as they took advantage on the very next play. Redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson connected with redshirt freshman tight end Brandon Barden on a mold-breaking play-action pass over the middle, and into the end zone for the touchdown. The game was tied at 10, but this

was just the first in a series of big plays for the Commodores down the stretch.

On the ensuing Gamecock possession, it looked as though another Succop field goal would quiet the crowd and kill the Vanderbilt momentum. The snap came, but the 42-yard attempt didn't go far, as junior Greg Billinger blocked the kick into the hands of sophomore John Stokes.

The crowd at Vanderbilt Stadium had never been so loud, and it seemed the Commodores took that energy and shoved it right down South Carolina's throat, scoring twice in their next two possessions; once on a Nickson quarterback sneak from a yard out, and again when Jared Hawkins dashed 13 yards to the house.

"It was a great atmosphere here," Johnson said. "You could hear the fans, especially the students, and it was great to have those people in the stands pulling for us."

What defined Thursday's win for the Commodores, however, was their tenacity down the stretch — a killer instinct they hadn't exhibited in big games last year. Leading 24-17 with 7:39 remaining, the Commodores never gave the Gamecocks hope. With a strangling defense that allowed just six yards in that time, and a Hawkins fueled in-your-face offense, Vanderbilt never budged.

"We knew South Carolina was a great team and we knew coming in that it was going to be a battle fight," said redshirt junior defensive end Steven Stone. "It was an overall great team effort on both sides of the ball. The defense came up with some big plays when we needed to and the same can be said about the offense." ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by David Shochat

QUARTERBACKS, B

Redshirt junior Chris Nickson had less than stellar numbers Thursday night completing only eight passes the whole game and rushing for 17 yards on 16 carries. Nickson, however, captained a great drive that would ultimately be the winning score for the Dores.

RUNNING BACKS, B+

Redshirt sophomore Gaston Miller's fumble led South Carolina to take a 7-0 lead. Jared Hawkins was a complete beast, however, especially in the second half, as he rushed for a total of 84 yards on 17 carries in the game, scored the game winning touchdown on a 13-yard run, and helped run out the clock at the end of the game.

WIDE RECEIVERS, B-

The highlight from this group was redshirt senior Sean Walker's 29-yard run on an outstanding play call, but they had only five catches. It's unclear how much of the wide-outs' lack of production was their fault, or if it was Nickson's lack of vision combined with the limited number of passing plays called by offensive coordinator Ted Cain.

TIGHT ENDS, C+

Too many dropped balls by this group on the night including one that may have been a touchdown as well as a costly penalty or two early in the game. The group responded well in the second half, however, as redshirt freshman Brandon Barden had a 31-yard touchdown reception to tie the game at 10.

OFFENSIVE LINE, C+

The run-blocking is there, it seems, and the pass-blocking was also there at times, but this inexperienced group still needs to be better. Nickson seemed to be running for his life on a lot of designed passes.

DEFENSIVE LINE, A-

Junior Greg Billinger was the player of the game. Even with a thin defensive line, Billinger just continued to fight and make tackles. He also had a huge block on a field goal attempt to go along with two sacks. Redshirt junior Steven Stone also had a huge sack to stop a fourth-quarter drive.

LINEBACKERS, B

Redshirt freshman Chris Marve is a beast. Out of all the linebackers, he seemed to be everywhere, especially when it came to stopping the run. Junior Patrick Benoit had a ludicrous 15 tackles.

SECONDARY, A-

It is hard to find much wrong with this group. Redshirt junior Darlon Spead and redshirt senior Reshard Langford's interceptions were huge momentum changers in a game that was determined by who created more turnovers. Also, a nice job by redshirt seniors Jared Fagan and Josh Allen, who stepped in and played well when Spead was hurt.

SPECIAL TEAMS, B

The kicking game was solid. Senior Bryant Hahnfeldt made all his attempts, junior Brett Upson had a few nice punts, but also had some that left a lot to be desired. The kickoff coverage was pathetic at times as the Gamecocks routinely started above their own 30-yard line.

COACHING, B+

The coaching was what won Vandy the game. Cain finally opened up his playbook and got creative on the fourth quarter drive that gave the Commodores a 24-10 lead. Overall, the coaching staff did a solid job and should be commended for finally throwing some flavor into the offense.

Cross country teams look for quick start

by MEGHAN ROSE
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Looking to start the season on a high note, the men's and women's cross country teams race their home opener this evening at Percy Warner Park in Nashville. The Belmont-VU Opener will feature a 5K race for the men, as well as a 4K race for the women.

The Commodores will send 10 runners from the men's team and 16 runners from the women's team to the starting line.

"The opener will give our runners an assessment of where they are," said coach Steven Keith, in his third season as the Commodores' head coach. "We will be able to see how each individual runner gets into a competitive state of mind."

Sophomores Adrienne DiRaddo and Rita Jorgensen look to start the season out strong, after outstanding freshman performances last year. DiRaddo finished ninth in last year's opener, while Jorgensen finished fourth. Junior Ellen Black and senior Amanda Scott are expected to pace the Commodores as well.

On the men's side, seniors Matt Long and Rob Whiting, alongside junior Thomas Davis, will add leadership and talent to Friday's effort.

"Friday will be an excellent opportunity for both the men's and women's teams to see how fit we are after summer training," said Long. "It is also a great race to introduce our freshmen to Division I college cross country."

Together, the teams have completed three full weeks of intensive workouts and practices, with training Monday through Saturday. Focusing on endurance, strength training and coordination, the runners log an average of 40 to 80 miles a week.

"We are a young team with a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for what we are doing out there every day," said Rhonda Riley, Vanderbilt's assistant coach. "The men and the women support each other 100 percent, and there is a great sense of team unity and leadership amongst this group."

This season, the teams boast balanced and deep rosters. The men's team consists of three freshmen and three seniors, as well as two juniors and two sophomores. With 27 runners in total on the women's side, impressively large sophomore and senior classes round out the team.

With Southeastern Conference and NCAA Championships beginning in November, the runners are working to improve their times consistently over the course of the season.

"Our team is judged cumulatively at the end of the season," Keith said. "Everyone is dedicated to individual and team improvement."

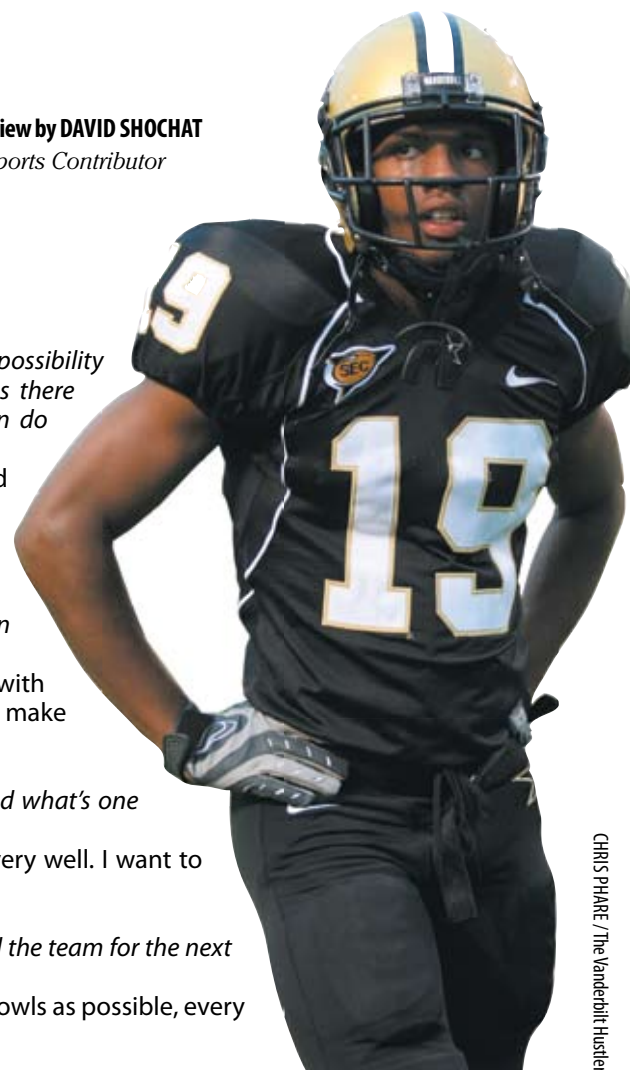
"It's the consistency in their training, the small details they do daily and an accumulation of hard work that will ultimately prepare them," Riley said. "The early races are important. However, I'm more concerned with having my athletes run their best races at the end of the season in the championship races when it counts."

After Friday's race, the Commodores will continue their season with the Commodore Classic in Nashville on Sept. 20, the Louisville Invite in Kentucky on Oct. 4 and Pre-Nationals in Terre Haute, Indiana on Oct. 18. ■

friday conversation with CASEY HAYWARD

Defensive back Casey Hayward, a Georgia native and one of four true freshmen to see action in Vanderbilt's opening win over Miami (Ohio), took some time before practice to talk to The Vanderbilt Hustler about a number of topics, including why he chose to play for the Commodores, his greatest strength as a player and his goals for the future.

Interview by DAVID SHOCHAT
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VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What led you to choose Vandy?

CASEY HAYWARD: I like the academics and it's also playing in the (Southeastern Conference). So, academics and playing in the SEC, you can't beat that.

VH: Did you have a favorite college football team growing up?
CH: Probably Georgia Tech. I like Georgia Tech.

VH: I know you played basketball in high school and obviously you play football, but if you had to pick one other sport, what would it be?
CH: Track.

VH: Favorite professional athlete?
CH: Oh man, I'd have to say Kobe Bryant.

VH: Funniest guy on the team?
CH: Funniest guy on the team? It'd have to be Dewell or D.J. (Moore).

VH: Something most people don't know about you?
CH: I have another brother named Casey.

VH: Who's the other true freshman you've been most impressed with so far?
CH: I'd have to say there's two. I'd say John Cole, even though he

hurt his knee, and Sean Richardson.

VH: When did you realize there was a possibility you could play college football? Was there one game when you thought, "I can do this?"
CH: In 10th grade, I thought I had a good chance. I made a couple plays.

VH: You played quarterback at Perry (High School). Do you miss being on the offensive side of the ball at all?
CH: Yeah. I like being on offense with the ball in your hand and you get to make plays. I miss that.

VH: Greatest strength as a player, and what's one thing you think you need to work on?
CH: Coaching, I can take coaching very well. I want to work on my feet, that's it.

VH: Any special goals for yourself and the team for the next four years?
CH: Oh yeah, man, play in as many bowls as possible, every year.

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