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**Vanderbilt** beats Rice 38-21 to move to 3-0 for just the second time in the last 24 years. Game coverage and more inside.





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Quarterback Chris Nickson scores the first of his two rushing touchdowns during Vanderbilt's 38-21 win Saturday night. Nickson has now rushed for five touchdowns on the season.

### **Sociology** professor arrested for child pornography

by JUDY WANG

Academics Specialist

According to the Tennessean, Professor James J. Lang was arrested on Friday for possession of child pornography.

Lang, receiving computer repair when sexually explicit images of young girls were found on the computer. Agents

from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation were notified of the situation. A search warrant was then executed on Thursday, and the TBI forensics analysis found "images and videos of child pornography."

Lang is an associate professor and the director of undergraduate studies for the sociology department.

Lang's first court appearance is today in Nashville. According to interim dean Carolyn Dever, Lang is on paid leave pending further investigation.■

### SCIENCE & MEDICINE

# The smoke begins to clear

**bv NIKITA RODRIGUES** 

News Contributor

University Medical Center explained the original idea for (VUMC) enacted a smoking ban that prohibits smoking on any Medical Center campus, including the new clinic facility at 100 Oaks. The ban follows a series of increased restrictions on campus smoking, including implementation designated smoking areas on campus. The new ban will do away with the designated leaving smoking areas, smokers to light up mainly

on the sidewalks surrounding

Dr. Eric Neilson, chair of On Sept. 1, Vanderbilt the Department of Medicine, the ban was proposed by the chairs of Medicine and Surgery almost 10 years ago. In 1998, the group felt smoking was definitely a serious issue that needed to be attended to but decided to see how the ban affected other medical centers before taking the big step. Neilson described the process as gradual steps and said VUMC was now ready to become a completely smokefree campus.

Each year, 440,000 people die in the US from tobacco use. About one in five deaths is related to smoking. Cigarettes kill more Americans than alcohol, car accidents, suicide, AIDS, homicide and illegal drugs combined.

In addition to the ban, the Medical Center increased support services for employees who want to quit smoking by offering smoking cessation counseling and group sessions at the Dayani Center and the Occupational Health Clinic. These free services are available to all Vanderbilt employees and beneficiaries of the employee health plan.

"Weshouldsupportemployees who will find it difficult, but as a matter of national and local health policy, the time has certainly come to make health care facilities smoke-free inside and out." Neilson said.

described Neilson difference on campus as slight so far. "We can see a difference in larger areas, in the plaza, but it will take at least three months before we can have the chance to reflect and see the true effects. We expect good things," he said. ■

### **CAMPUS LIVING**

### **Kitchens in Branscomb** are available for use



by NORAH SCANLAN

News Contributor

A common misconception is that the kitchens in Branscomb Quadrangle are closed. Many upperclassmen placed in the previously "freshmen" dorm have expressed disappointment in not having access to kitchen. However, Branscomb residents do have access to a kitchen, although their access is limited.

Elise Alford, the Residence Life coordinator of Branscomb, said the Quad does in fact have two kitchens currently available for student use.

The first kitchen, located off of the Formal Lounge underneath Lupton House, features a refrigerator, microwave, full sink and cabinet space. Residents are permitted to use this kitchen 24/7 provided they properly clean up the space.

Ann Nielson, Director of Housing Facilities, attributes its lack of a stove to ventilation problems.

The second kitchen, which is located in the basement and is connected to the Recreation Room, contains a new refrigerator with a freezer, microwave, full sink, oven, cooking range and cabinet space. Students are permitted to reserve the kitchen and the Recreation Room together through the Office of Reservations and Events.

Nielson said its use is restricted to daytime hours because of its proximity to the Recreation Room and a fire exit. To prevent hazards, both rooms cannot be used at the same time for different purposes. ■

### Paitently waiting for the chance at floor seats

Students waited for hours to buy tickets to Commodore Quake, which will feature Lil' Wayne, Lupe Fiasco and Free Sol. The line snaked all the way around the back of Sarratt almost up to Buttrick Hall. Students in line were seen with sleeping bags, chairs, blankets and laptops. "We got here at 10 p.m. (Thursday) night," said sophomore Danielle Naretto. "We camped out all night and by midnight there were more than 50 people."



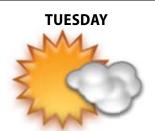
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**NEWS BRIEFS** 

### Afghanistan: US killed civilians after false tip

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—An American bombing that killed up to 90 Afghan civilians last month was based on false information provided by a rival tribe and did not kill a single Taliban fighter, the president's spokesman said Sunday.

The claim contradicted a U.S. contention that the Aug. 22 raid on the western village of Azizabad killed up to 35 Taliban fighters.

"There was total misinformation fed to the coalition forces," Humayun Hamidzada, the spokesman for President Hamid Karzai, told The Associated Press.

Afghan police arrested three suspects accused of giving the U.S. military false intelligence that led to the bombardment, the Interior

An Afghan government commission found that up to 90 civilians were killed, including 60 children, a finding backed by a preliminary

The bombing strained the U.S.-Afghan relationship but the countries remain committed allies, Hamidzada said.

The operation, conducted by U.S. Special Forces and Afghan soldiers, targeted Afghan employees of a British security firm and their family members — the reason the U.S. military recovered weapons after the battle, Hamidzada said.

The U.S. has said its forces were fired on first during a raid that targeted and killed a known militant commander named Mullah Sidiq. But villagers say their homes were targeted because of false information provided by a rival tribesman named Nader Tawakil.

An Afghan parliamentarian has said Tawakil is in the protective custody of U.S. forces. The coalition has declined to comment.

### Salazar: GOP should support drilling compromise

WASHINGTON (AP)—Democrats sought on Saturday to drum up support for compromise legislation on offshore drilling, challenging Republicans to break from Bush administration policies that neglect development of alternative energy sources.

"Enough is enough," Sen. Ken Salazar of Colorado said in the Democrats' weekly radio address, citing rising energy prices, including \$4-a-gallon diesel fuel.

Salazar chastised Sen. John McCain, the Republican presidential nominee, and other Senate Republicans who have blocked and opposed tax incentives for renewable energy.

"President Bush and Sen. McCain have failed to show any leadership on this issue for the last eight years," Salazar said. "Republicans have to decide whether they just want to talk about our energy problems on the campaign trail, or whether they will work with Democrats to actually solve them."

The Senate next week will consider at least three proposals that call for an expansion of offshore drilling — one being developed by Democrats, another by Republicans and a third by a bipartisan group. All are expected to have some expansion of offshore drilling, but doubts remains as whether any of the proposals being considered will garner the needed 60 votes required to overcome a certain filibuster.

### Cameras replace police in some Tenn. *iurisdictions*

please?"

That intimidating question from a police officer is not being heard as much in Murfreesboro, one of about a dozen communities in Tennessee using red-light camera systems for traffic enforcement.

Police study videos, mark down license plate numbers of offenders, send a picture to the car's registered owner and a citation. The system's supporters believe it will reduce the number of accidents caused by red-light runners.

But there are questions about the effectiveness of using a camera to do a job traditionally reserved for a police officer. Lawsuits have been filed, though a recent state appeals court ruling found that the cameras are constitutional.

"We have to look at what works for our community, and we know something that worked or didn't work in other communities may or may not work for us," said Kyle Evans, spokesman for the Murfreesboro Police Department. "Murfreesboro is unique, as is Knoxville. We want to compare apples to apples and oranges to oranges."

The city began using the system in April and started issuing tickets in July, so officials say it's too early to say how the program works. Murfreesboro officials will assess the cameras — located at seven intersections — as more time elapses, Evans said.

### Obama camp says it raised \$66 million in August

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama raised \$66 million in August, a record for a presidential candidate that illustrated his continuing appeal to donors and his robust outreach to new contributors.

The campaign said it raised the money with the help of more than a half million, first-time donors. By comparison, Republican presidential nominee John McCain raised \$47 million in August, a personal best for his campaign as well. The monthly figures for both candidates were especially noteworthy because August is typically a slow month for fundraising.

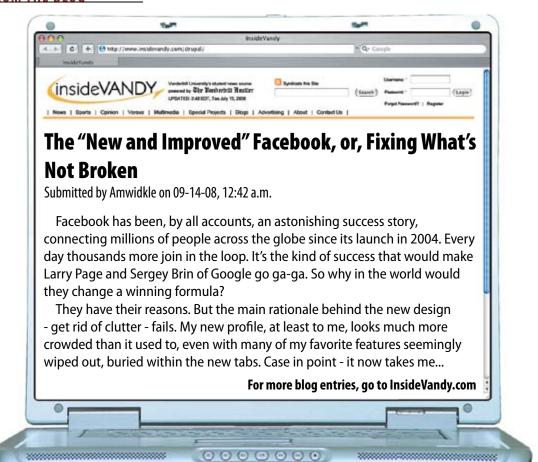
Obama's totals, however, also underscore the challenge he faces in the remaining two months of the campaign. McCain, for now, has a significant advantage because he has accepted \$84 million in taxpayer funds under a public financing system that Obama chose to bypass in favor of raising more money.

The combined efforts of the two campaigns and the two national parties left both candidates on nearly equal financial footing with about \$94 million at the end of August, according to campaign and party officials who discussed the finances on Sunday.

Obama had \$77 million in the bank at month's end, and the Democratic National Committee had \$17.5 million.

McCain ended the month with about \$18 million in cash, which he had to transfer to the Republican National Committee because of his decision to participate in the public finance system. The party committee had \$76 million in the bank before the transfer. A party official said the party also had about \$20 million in a joint fundraising committee and in special state party accounts that can be used to help McCain.

**FROM THE BLOG** 



**SNAPSHOT** 



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Vanderbilt School of Nursing Centennial Lecture Series

Chi Omega junior Lauren Turner scrubs down a car during the SAE/Chi O Charity Carwash last Friday.



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### ELECTION 2008

# Youth vote push reaches Vanderbilt, Belmont

by KATHERINE MILLER

Election Project Director

Time and time again, college students hear how terrible the state of youth vote participation continues to be. But at Vanderbilt this fall, some may change those statistics.

Prior to the Oct. 6 voter registration deadline in Tennessee, groups like Student Association for Voter Empowerment (SAVE) will make a pitch to unregistered students and those looking to change their registration.

"One-half of people between the ages of 18 and 24 vote. Two-thirds of people 65 and older vote. Only 13 percent of students who were allowed to vote in the primaries, did," said Cameron Pastrick, the director of SAVE. "These statistics are as frightening as they are avoidable."

SAVE has taken a two-pronged approach to the drive: making registration more accessible and educating voters. The group will launch their registration drive on Sept. 17, at four locations, three times a week until Oct. 8. They aim to register 750 new voters during the period.

"We are trying to inform the youth vote not only how important their vote is, but how easy it is to make educated decisions about how to vote," Pastrick said. "If people have grown up never voting, then voting statistics continue to plummet. Our generation is finally given a chance to have a say...yet 67 percent of the youth does not utilize their birthgiven right. SAVE believes that with the right information and education that these statistics can change."

SAVE is not the only group on campus working towards this end; among them is Tennessee Takeover, a group dedicated to registering young voters at football games. The Election Alliance has organized information online for registration, as well.

No campus initiative, however, can match the prolific Rock the Vote movement, which launched a road tour Saturday at Belmont University, featuring a performance by recording artist and American Idol finalist Melinda Doolittle.

"Voting is the biggest thing we can do to amplify our voice," Doolittle said. "We're shaping the future—definitely the next four years, maybe the next eight—so I really love what Rock the Vote is doing."

Following Saturday's events at Belmont and Mercy Lounge, the Rock the Vote bus left for Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va., and it will continue up through Virginia, stopping at universities in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa and Minnesota—all potential battleground states.

"We're going places where youth voters could really alter the election," said Willa Brown, a volunteer coordinator for Rock

Currently, the group has registered more than 1.4 million voters for this cycle, but some question the motives of the group. Despite the group's selfidentification as non-partisan, noted Democratic celebrity activists like Sheryl



Melinda Doolittle greets fans at Belmont University on Saturday's Rock the Vote event.

Crow, Leonardo DiCaprio and Jake and Maggie Gyllenhaal have featured prominently in their promotional activities.

The effects of Vanderbilt campus efforts and national efforts will not be seen for two months, however, when it's all a question of who shows up.

### Cook provides election analysis

by JUDY WANG

Academics Specialist

At a time when Vanderbilt University finds itself abuzz with political discussion, it is fitting that political analyst Charlie Cook addressed the campus.

Cook, the mind behind the highly regarded Cook Political Report, a nonpartisan analysis of elections, gave a talk titled "2008 Political Outlook" to a crowd Wednesday night in Wilson hall and again in Vanderbilt's U.S. Elections course Thursday

The Cook Report is famed

for its in—depth analysis of the current political landscape, breaking down how each region, state and even district tends to lean in elections.

It is for this reason Professor Bruce Oppenheimer introduced Cook as "the best at what he does." Oppenheimer also praised Cook for presenting unbiased information stating that Cook "doesn't have a political axe to

Cook's lecture was both entertaining and informative as he seamlessly intermeshed humor and insight in his description of an ordinarily tense political landscape. One of the primary purposes of his speech was to explain how he felt Obama and McCain attained their party nominations, describing the election as having "one candidate who should have been president eight years ago and one who should be president eight years from now."

Cook also discussed what makes the 2008 presidential election so compelling, citing the many challenges the newly elected president will have to

"In this election, the stakes couldn't be higher and the candidates couldn't be more interesting," Cook said.

Cook often compared 2008's presidential election with 1960's presidential contest between John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon and the 1980 presidential campaign between Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

It is for these reasons that Cook predicts one of the largest voter turnouts in modern history. Additionally, Cook anticipates a high youth turnout on Election

The Cook political report can be found online at http://www. cookpolitical.com. ■

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### **CAMPUS LIVING**

# Vegetarian students looking for more variety

by ETHEL MICKEY

News Contributor

Complaints about the quality of Vanderbilt food and the lack of variety have lately been heard around campus. Now, students with dietary restrictions must be even more selective when it comes to finding a meal.

In response to the significant number of vegetarian students on campus, Vanderbilt Dining includes at least one hot vegetarian option with every meal. In addition, there is usually a fully stocked salad bar, pizza and meatless pasta dishes at the Commons every day.

Themealplancanalsobeused at Grins, a kosher vegetarian café located on the ground

floor of the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life. The cafe offers wraps, soups, salads and paninis, with the menu varying daily. Being Nashville's first kosher eatery, Grins allows both vegetarian students and those with religious restrictions to find an easy, delicious meal on the plan.

Part of Dining's mission is to ensure the availability of balanced meals for everyone, including those with special dietary needs. They have a registered dietician on staff to assist students with allergies or health restrictions. A major component of Dining's "Eat the World, Save the Earth" campaign is the placement of signs labeling food choices

such as organic, vegetarian and vegan at each food station.

While it seems Dining has tried to cater to students with restrictive diets, many students had to change their eating habits after coming to Vanderbilt.

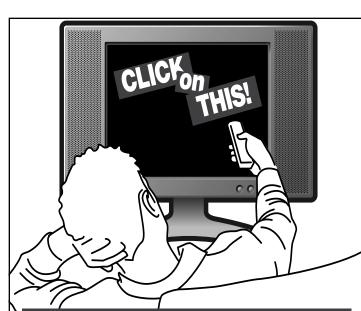
"I definitely had to change my eating habits when I came to college," vegetarian sophomore Lily Maxwell said. "I like to cook healthy foods at home, and now I mostly have to eat carbs."

Other vegetarians campus feel the same way about the monotony and the unhealthiness of their meals. "I can only eat pasta or salad every so often," First-year vegetarian Tara Westlund said.

Overall, students feel one vegetarian option each night

is not enough, and if Dining is looking for some ideas, most Vanderbilt vegetarians are very willing to offer their own suggestions. To do so, vegetarians are encouraged to utilize the comment cards on the Dining website. From stirfry to tofu to more fish, students think Dining can step it up when it comes to the variety of vegetarian entrees.

"My only regret is that vegetarians have a harder time eating healthy foods here than we would if we were able to control the quality of ingredients, cooking methods and variety," said Maxwell, confirming it is still challenging to find healthy vegetarian options on campus. ■



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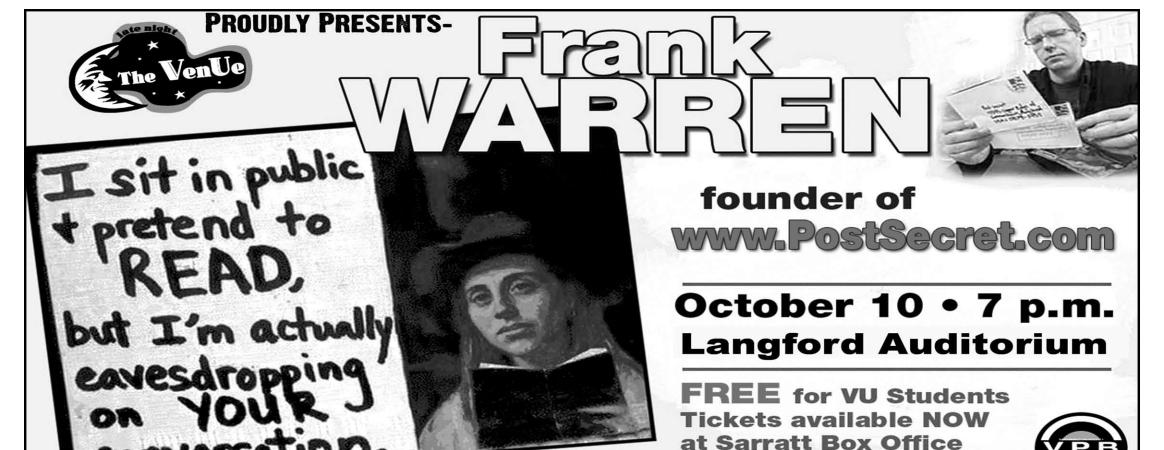
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# OPINION

# We don't need no education



CAROLYN PIPPEN
Columnist

In 2006, former Vice President Al Gore snagged himself a Nobel Peace Prize for calling to our attention what he called an "inconvenient truth." Another colossal threat, however, is developing as we speak—and not among the ice caps of Antarctica or in an elusive hole somewhere in our planet's atmosphere, but in cities across the United States – and is severely damaging our nation's most precious resource: our children.

You have heard the stats before: Fourth graders in low-income schools are on average three grade levels behind their higher income peers, and only 50 percent of them will graduate high school by the age of 18. But I think it's rare for students to truly grasp what these numbers mean. Imagine if in your preppy suburban elementary school, old Mrs. Humperdink had taken four full years to teach you what all the other kids learned in the first grade. Or, in your high school class, only the half with the highest annual income had been allowed to graduate. I bet you would have felt significantly cheated, and I guarantee your mother would have raised some serious hell at the PTA meetings that year.

The bottom line is that public education in our country is failing miserably, and this should come as no surprise to anyone. Education reform, however, is by no means the sexiest of headlines, and politicians continue to discuss it in an obligatory manner, as a placeholder to appease American mothers before moving on to the more pressing issues of congressional sex scandals and the color of lipstick worn by Sarah Palin's pet pig.

Well-intentioned but insufficient legislative actions such as No Child Left Behind (NCLB) have made steps towards raising national awareness, but it is obvious the impetus to reverse this horrifying trend must come from within the system. An excellent example of the measures needed has emerged through the work of Michelle Rhee, the newly appointed chancellor of D.C. public schools. In her first year, she managed to close 23 of the district's schools, firing 36 principals and over 100 from her central office staff. This radical overturning of the system has brought chaos and controversy in her jurisdiction, but it has also brought an urgency and accountability to those floating along next to the sinking boat of D.C. public education.

These problems do not merely exist in far off Washington or at the bottom of the CNN ticker, however. The public schools of metro Nashville are currently under corrective action after failing to meet the standards set by NCLB, and the Tennessee Department of Education has set into motion a series of hirings, firings and innovative restructuring of the system in its attempt to bring our city's children up to par with the rest of the nation.

"Well, what the hell do you expect me to do about it?" you may be wondering. I am not asking every student to run out and transfer to Peabody or drive down to Maplewood High School and adopt the first struggling kid you see. The most anyone can ask at this point is awareness, and in five or ten or fifty years when you find yourself, as you will, in a position of influence in the world, then you can do something about it. And we must do something about it

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### EDITORIAL

# Commemoration teaches lessons about importance of democracy

Vanderbilt University should be commended for its intended celebration of Constitution Day. According to Vanderbilt News Service, political science professors John Geer and David Lewis will be headlining a program this Thursday commemorating the signing of the U.S. Constitution 221 years ago.

The effort, marked by a speech titled "If They Could See it Now: The Evolution of the American Presidency From the Founding Fathers to Present Day," may be a standard example of academic inquiry, but the political science department and the College of Arts and Science is sending a clear message that the Constitution is still a relevant and important subject.

This is particularly noteworthy given the recent concern that college students do not know enough about American history and civics. Last year, the Intercollegiate Studies Institute released a report that documented five major findings about civics education, most notably that college seniors overwhelmingly failed tests on American history and institutions and that students of the most prestigious universities fared the poorest.

The study made the conclusion that American universities have failed to sustain and grow students' knowledge of the most important aspects about civics and history. This is disturbing inasmuch as the university is supposed to provide students with knowledge that will prepare them for life after graduation. Without a basic knowledge of the founders of the United States, the philosophy behind documents like the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, and American history, how are graduates expected to

function properly in a democratic society?

We hear from many groups about the importance of getting out the youth vote. Too many of our nation's 18-25 demographic aren't voting, they say, as if this fact should bring shame upon our country. The answer, according to Rock the Vote and others, is to register and convince young adults to vote via a large campaign.

Is this the proper path for increasing young voter turnout? If voting is important in this representative democracy, why are college-aged adults not doing so?

Part of the answer may be discovered in ISI's study. Students are not learning the basics of American history and civics, so it should come as no surprise that young voters are not connecting their voting privileges to their own well-being or self-interest. High schools and colleges are doing a poor job instructing students on the basics of self-government, churning out a generation of citizens who neither know nor care about what America is or where we came from.

Which means that Vanderbilt's acknowledgement of Constitution Day, a rather unknown holiday established four years ago, is all the more critical for the university's students. Perhaps the annual commemoration will provide more in-depth discussion about the values and principles ingrained in the Constitution and the founding of our nation in general.

Vanderbilt students would do well to spend their Thursday afternoon at Flynn Auditorium at the Law School to be a part of this discussion. It could be the most important lesson of our college careers.

# The great debate

**NEILY TODD** 

Oct. 7, 2008 is a very important date at Vanderbilt—it marks exactly one and half weeks until fall break. Oh, and also, it's the day the two presidential candidates will converge in Nashville for a town hall debate at Belmont University. For a few, glorious hours, all eyes will be on Nashville. It will be the biggest political event in the city's history and may bring the most nationwide attention the city has ever had. Denver and Minneapolis are yesterday's news. Nashville will soon have her chance for 15 minutes of fame.

If, perhaps, you have been sunbathing in the Arctic for the past year, you may be unaware that we are currently watching a history-making election. For the first time, an African-American holds a major party's nomination. Women are breaking glass ceilings from Alaska to New York. If elected, Sen. McCain would be the oldest president in history. Whoever wins, it will be a first.

However, there is a difference between knowing and caring. You may know the election is going on, yet still find yourself wondering why you should care. How does it affect you? How does your one vote affect them? Maybe it doesn't at all. And then, maybe this election and your vote will make all the difference.

As college students, it is often easy to forget how today's issues affect us. The unemployment rate is six percent. We don't want it to be eight percent by the time we face the job market. The housing market is facing its worst slump in decades. Recently graduated college students will find it hard to get the loan they need to buy a first home. America is fighting two wars—one in Afghanistan and one in Iraq. Many of your classmates will be the next ones, or perhaps already are, taking on this fight. Just shy of \$490 billion was spent in 2007 on public education. A sound education policy today ensures that in 15 years your first-grader will attend a top-notch public school. These are the problems of today, and the policies of the next administration will shape the nation we live in as adults.

Pick up a newspaper when you walk through Rand. Flip on the news while you eat breakfast. Learn where the candidates stand on the issues—www.cnn.com/election/2008/issues lays it all out in a user-friendly format. Watch the debate on Oct. 7. Tickets are impossible, reserved mostly for national media, but there will be viewing parties all around the city. I feel safe betting there will be more than one on this campus. Nashville is your city, and as the whole country watches, the candidates are here to convince you. Take an interest in the issues they debate. Educate yourself and form an opinion.

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—Neily Todd is a senior in the College of Arts and Science. She can be reached at neily.p.todd@vanderbilt.edu.

### Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! THE VERDICT Compiled by Thomas Shattuck After demolishing Haiti earlier this week, lke took its toll on Texas. Everything might actually be bigger in Texas considering tidal surges of fifteen feet and three million without power. Mother Nature once again proves she does in fact mess with Texas. Commodores In a startling development, the football team has managed to win another game. With any luck, this could be a good start to a great season. Unfortunately, luck is rarely on our The celebrity chef has once again made it into the news, and for what might be a first, **Gordon Ramsey** it is not his fault. Restaurant guides are in a dispute over the number one restaurant in London. In good old English tradition, there will be blood. The world's most disturbing cosmetic treatment is now the world's most disturbing migraine treatment. Who knew injecting highly lethal toxins into the forehead could help those suffering from headaches. **Berlin** Police in Berlin shut down a sweet shop earlier this week for selling drug laced chocolates. The owner was taken into custody, and 120 pieces of magic mushrooms and a fair bit of marijuana were confiscated. Stuttgart Emergency medical services in Stuttgart, Germany will be driving in style thanks to the recent acquisition of two Porsche Cayennes. And you thought the BMWs and Mercedes

### Google sings the same old song

To the editor:

The web browser debate is a hot topic among computer geeks like myself, so I feel obligated to respond to the convoluted article on Google Chrome. No one can deny the advancements that Google has brought to the Internet, but Chrome is a mockery of their prior products. Google advertises Chrome as an innovative and revolutionary product, but the fact remains that it is still leagues behind Mozilla Firefox in speed and level ofcustomization.

Every "innovative" feature from incognito mode to a bar-based download manager has been around for many months in the form of Firefox Add-ons. Add-ons are either developed by Mozilla or developed privately and tested by Mozilla. One only needs to visit the add-ons website to see the wide variety of utilities Firefox offers and Chrome doesn't even think of. This is the real power behind Firefox: Community-based development. Because Firefox is an open-source browser, developers can integrate their add-ons at a faster and deeper level than any kind of API (Application Programming Interface for you non-geeks) ever could.

Even the supposedly revolutionary "Application Shortcuts" is nothing more than a slight trick by Google to suck in the computer illiterate. Upon examining one of these "Application Shortcuts," I found that it is nothing more than a Google

Chrome window opened without a toolbar with a parameter passed to designate a specific site. You can pass URL parameters to both IE and Firefox, so in what way is this revolutionary?

As for the claim that Chrome is faster, Firefox 3.1 has been shown to have performed up to 28% faster on Windows XP and 16% on Windows Vista. Not more needs to be said about this. One of the next points made is that because Gmail is better than VUmail, Google is better than Microsoft. Uhh, what? VUmail uses the PHP4 engine called SquirrelMail (http://www.squirrelmail.org/), which is NOT developed by Microsoft. That entire point is ridiculous. If you were to compare Gmail to Outlook, then maybe it would make a small degree of sense. Wait, even then it wouldn't. Outlook is a software application run locally while Gmail is an Internet-based webmail. You're comparing apples and oranges and trying to pass it off as Google releasing a superior product when it has done nothing new.

Matthew Shea School of Engineering, Freshman

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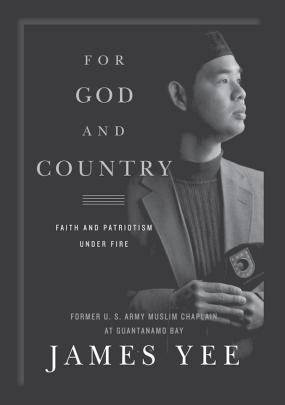
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## ISPORTS!

## **Commodores dominate second** half for third consecutive win

by DAVID NAMM

Sports Contributor

Over the past 25 years, the Vanderbilt Commodores has perfected the part of the tease, luring its faithful followers into to the promised land of bowl eligibility, only to come up short time and time again. Saturday, however, it was Rice they teased.

Taking a potential nail-biter and turning it into an impressive 38-21 victory over the Owls, Vanderbilt moved to 3-0 (1-0 SEC) for the first time since 2005 and only the second time since

"Tonight was an exciting game, there is no doubt about it," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "Our team has to give Rice a lot of credit, they came out there and put us on our heels during the first half."

Indeed, Rice came out firing on all offensive cylinders in the first half, as senior quarterback Chase Clement ran the spread offense to perfection on three scoring drives that had the Commodore defense reeling. In the second half, it was a different story, as the Vanderbilt defense pitched a shutout over the final two quarters.

"We quit trying to make so many adjustments," Johnson said. "We were trying to match up with every little thing that they were doing and ... (in the second half) we went to a more basic defense and just tried to put more pressure on the quarterback."

And pressure the quarterback they did. Vanderbilt finished the game with three sacks - including

junior corner Brent Trice's Rice's hopes for a comeback. fumble-forcing takedownand three quarterback hurries, disrupting the timing and rapport Clement and the Rice offense had built in the first half.

"I think in the second half we believing they could take them really got it going," said junior his five extra points and an cornerback D.J. Moore. "We got more pressure on the quarterback and that settled our defense."

office for the dynamic Moore, who returned a punt 67 yards to the one-yard line and registered his second interception in the fourth quarter, helping the Commodores slam the door on

As Vanderbilt put the game out of reach, senior placekicker Hahnfeldt himself into history, becoming Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer at 210 total points with impressive 48-yard field goal in the third quarter.

"Everybody was wondering It was just another day at the if he was good enough and now he is the leading scorer in the history of our program," Johnson said. "He has been a good kicker since he has been here at Vanderbilt."

A major reason Hahnfeldt

moved into the Vanderbilt record books was the Commodore's dominant ground attack powered by bruising redshirt junior running back Jared Hawkins and elusive redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson. The tandem accounted for most of Vanderbilt's 273 rushing yards (107 yards for Hawkins, 85 for Nickson), and allowed Vanderbilt to effectively run away with this one.

"I was very proud of the way our guys hung in there and our coaching staff didn't panic," Johnson said. "We came out of halftime and put together a very good second half." ■



D.J. Moore returns a punt 67 yards in the fourth quarter of action between Vanderbilt and Rice on Saturday. Moore came just short of a touchdown, but quarterback Chris Nickson scored one play later to seal the 38-21 win and make the Commodores 3-0 on the season.

### RICE REPORT CARD

### QUARTERBACKS, B+

Redshirt senior Chris Nickson showed off his elusiveness yet again, rushing for 85 yards and two touchdowns Saturday night. Passing was not a highlight for him though, as he completed only 7 of his 16 pass attempts for 71 yards.

### RUNNING BACKS, A-

Redshirt junior tailback Jared Hawkins played magnificently as he rushed for 107 yards, setting a career high for the second straight week, and also had a touchdown.

### WIDE RECEIVERS, C+

There wasn't much catching to be doing, but redshirt senior Sean Walker made his only rushing attempt good for a touchdown, and redshirt freshman Jamie Graham rushed for 27 yards on a reverse to put six on the board. Walker dropped a sure touchdown but still had four catches for 40 yards.

### OFFENSIVE LINE, B+

The O-line allowed only one sack in the entire game against Rice, and Vanderbilt's rushing attack of 273 yards was a result of the line's domination of a weaker Rice team. However, work still needs to be done in the pass-blocking portion of the

### DEFENSIVE LINE, B

The running game was bottled up, but oftentimes the line failed to get any pressure on Rice quarterback Chase Clement, leading to huge numbers for the Owls in the first half. Defensive end Broderick Stewart did have two guarterback hurries and a deflection.

### LINEBACKERS, B+

Junior Brent Trice was huge in this one; for the night, he had one sack, four tackles and a forced fumble and recovery early in the second quarter. Patrick Benoist had 10 tackles for his second straight double-digit tackling performance.

### **DEFENSIVE BACKS, B-**

This group was lit up in the first half but improved immensely as the game went on. Myron Lewis was burned several times but rebounded with two sacks to push back the Owl attack. D.J. Moore's fourth quarter interception stamped out any hope of a Rice comeback.

### SPECIAL TEAMS, A-

Senior kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt did his part, kicking a 48-yard field goal and all five PATs attempted. Junior punter Brett Upson punted an average of almost 40 yards to help win the field position battle. Also, D.J. Moore's 67-yard punt return set up the Commodores final touchdown in the fourth quarter.

### COACHING, B

Offensive coordinator Ted Cain made a good decision to keep the ball on the ground, preventing any chance of turnovers and allowing the running game to dominate the Owls. Defensive coordinator Bruce Fowler's squad was close to perfect in the second half as Vanderbilt adjusted to Rice's no-huddle offense.

# Vanderbilt killer instinct manifests itself against Rice dass inducted

by ADAM WEINSTEIN Sports Contributor

Killer instinct, that ability to take the opponent out of the game down the stretch, has not always been an attribute exhibited by Vanderbilt.

Last year, in search of the one win they needed in their last three games of the season, the Commodores gave up 47 points in the second half of those games. The result: a dissapointing end to the season and no bowl appearance.

This year, however, perhaps

the biggest sign that the Commodore faithful are seeing a "new" Vanderbilt has once again manifested itself in the second half of games. The Dores have given up a total of just 10 points in their first three games this season.

Just about anyone you ask right now will tell you, Vanderbilt is quickly becoming a closer and a force in the second half. The team exhibited that winning mentality by shutting out the Rice Owls 17-0 in the second half of a 38-21 victory that kept Vanderbilt undefeated.

"Vanderbilt is a physical team and that wore on us," said Rice head coach David Bailiff. "We couldn't establish any rhythm or timing in the second half."

In a game that's all about adjustments, Vanderbilt made their best one as of yet at halftime against the Owls: stop making adjustments.

"We were trying to match up every little thing that they were doing and we started to make fewer adjustments in the second half," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "We went to a more basic defense and just



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Jared Hawkins rushed for 107 yards and a touchdown against Rice., marking the second consecutive game the redshirt junior set a career high in rushing yards. Hawkins has been instrumental in the Commodores' ability to play keep-away late in games this year.

tried to put more pressure on the quarterback."

Less is definitely more on defense, especially when it comes to how much time the defensive unit spends on the field. On Saturday night, once again, Vanderbilt's ball control offense helped seal the deal down the stretch, keeping Rice's dynamic passing attack from getting any real momentum in the second half.

Perhaps the strongest example of Vanderbilt's keep-away game has been seen in the form of its emergingrunningback.Redshirt junior Jared Hawkins has run for career highs in each of the last two games, with 84 yards against South Carolina and 107 yards against Rice. Between him and the elusive redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson, Vanderbilt has kept the clock rolling down the stretch this season, literally running the time out on opponents.

Killer instinct, however, above all else, is a mentality of selfassuredness. In the past two weeks, Vanderbilt has overcome shaky first halves and chosen perserverence over panic in the final 30 minutes.

"When our guys had to step up, they did," Johnson said. "Our offense and defense came up with some big plays tonight." ■

# **First Hall of Fame**



From left: Clyde Lee, Perry Wallace, Chantelle Anderson, John Hall, John Rich, Roy Kramer, June Stewart, Ryan Tolbert Jackson, Peggy Brady, Bill Wade, Carolyn Russell, Chancellor Nick Zeppos and Vice-Chancellor David Williams.

by DAVID RUTZ

Sports Specialist

From an immortal football coach, to a color-barrier breaking basketball player, to a recordsetting track star, the 2008 charter class of the Vanderbilt Athletic Hall of Fame was a star-studded group that, as Chancellor Nick Zeppos put it, told a story of Vanderilt and American history.

Basketball players Chantelle Anderson, Clyde Lee and Perry Wallace, golfer Peggy Brady, football players John Hall, John Rich and Bill Wade, track runner Ryan Tolbert Jackson, athletic director Roy Kramer and administrator June Stewart were inducted in a ceremony Friday night at the Student Life Center. Legendary football coach Dan McGugin and famed sports journalist Fred Russell were inducted posthumously.

"For 122 years, Vanderbilt has been sponsoring athletic events," Zeppos said. "Tonight, we honor all of those years, all of the competitions, all of the pressure

situations."

The inductees and their families expressed immense pride at being the first members of a class that will house Vanderbilt legends for years to come. Kramer gave a compelling speech that paid homage to all Commodores.

"This evening pays tribute to the thousands of athletes who have met the challenge of being a Commodore," he said. "Most of all, we recognize the great young men and women who proudly wear the colors of the Commodores today, as they continue to bring glory and honor and pride to all of us."

Vice-Chancellor David Williams was the driving force behind the creation of the Hall.

"With all of the greats that have come through here, we needed to have something to honor them," Williams said.

With the Hall's inception, Vanderbilt has a tangible expression of appreciation for its stars of the past and the stars to come as the school continues to excel on and off the field. ■

