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Financial aid changes unveiled

by EVE ATTERMANN

Administration Specialist

Starting next semester with the class of 2009, Vanderbilt will be replacing all need-based student loans with grant and scholarship assistance. All other students will be able to benefit from the new financial aid package next year.

"No school has done all of this," said Vice Chancellor for Academic of Affairs and Provost Richard McCarty. "Chancellor (Nick) Zeppos made this call, and we have risen to his challenge. He is the hero in all of this."

McCarty said the decision to offer the increased financial aid options to this year's class

of seniors in their last semester was born of a perceived need to avoid privileging one class over the other.

Vanderbilt has also decided not to impose specified incomelevel caps in deciding eligibility for the program because middle-income families have largely been neglected in the past, according to officials.

The expanded financial aid package will not affect federal aid (FAFSA), and families can still apply for federal loans in the same way they have in the past.

"We have decided to be consistent with every family," said Associate Provost for Enrollment Management and Dean of Admissions Douglas Christiansen. "(Eliminating) income cut-offs moves away from directly affecting just the lower-income families but not the middle-income families."

The new initiative will be funded by strategic budget allocations, along with a \$100 million fundraising campaign under a new scholarship endowment. It is the culmination of a seven-year initiative to reduce students' educationrelated debt that has already reduced the average overall indebtedness of graduating seniors by 17 percent.

The fundraising campaign, called Shape the Future, has been extended three years in order to raise the \$100 million the school needs to fully replace need-based student loans.

According to the campaign is a financial challenge that relies heavily on the generosity of alumni. If the money is not raised within the extended three-year time frame, then money will have to be further reallocated from the budget.

The administration hopes the new financial aid package will make Vanderbilt more attractive to competitive applicants, according to Christiansen and McCarty.

"This is all part of the game, putting our best foot forward, well-positioned to compete for the best," Christiansen said. "Now we have a compelling aid package as well as a compelling academic package." ■

PLACES TO GO, PEOPLE TO SEE

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CAMPUS LIVING

'GameDay' meets Family Weekend in flurry of activity

by LAUREN KOENIG News Contributor

ESPN's decision to bring "College GameDay" Vanderbilt on Saturday has caused plenty of excitement while also forcing a bit of a change in the alreadyscheduled Family Weekend activities.

The freshmen reception, planned to take place on the Commons, is being moved to make room for Lee Corso and company.

The reception was originally supposed to take place on the lower quad lawn, but that is where ESPN will have their site

"We're excited that ESPN is here and will do everything we can to accommodate them," said Suzanne Thigpen, director of Parents and Family Programs. The new location hasn't

decided, but the presence of national TV's most popular college pregame show will appeal to those attending Family Weekend.

"Including students and parents, we have up to 3,491 registered for the weekend," Thigpen said.

Hotels closest to the campus are already booked for the weekend, and tickets are sold out for the Vanderbilt versus Auburn football game.

"We sold over 3,200 tickets for the parents and families section for the Auburn game during the August pre-sale. It's a big draw and very exciting," Thigpen said.

On Friday, a freshmen family reception will be hosted by Dean of the Commons



Frank Wcislo and his wife, Joan Wcislo. Dean of Students Mark Bandas will also host an upperclassmen family reception.

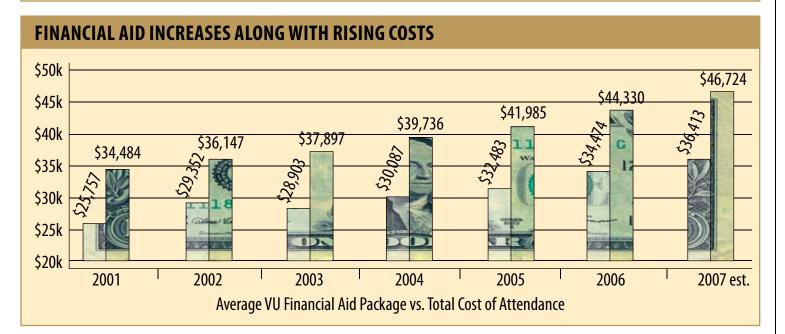
On Saturday, families are invited to participate in the Pre-Game Tailgate Picnic. "With the excitement around Auburn and Vanderbilt and Vanderbilt being 4-0 and 19th in the nation, there's a lot of energy," said Thigpen.

Other events of family weekend include four faculty lectures. In particular, Distinguished Professor of Political Science John Geer's lecture on the 2008 Presidential Campaign is expected to attract a large audience.

On Sunday, Miles and Music for Kids III, a motorcycle ride and concert, will benefit Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The event is optional and tickets are purchased separately from Family Weekend.

The registration fee is \$35 per person (children under 12 are free). The schedule is still tentative, so be sure to check the Family Weekend website for the most upto-date schedule of events: http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ familyweekend/index.html. ■

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Despite recession, Vanderbilt continues to soundly invest

by JENNIFER DENNARD

News Contributor

Although the economy is struggling, Vanderbilt's Office of Investments has a meticulous process in place for exactly that reason - to manage risk and generate revenue under any conditions.

Vanderbilt's \$3.5 billion is invested in a variety of areas to provide profit and to maintain security — an important characteristic in the current recession.

One of the most important

things the investments office looks at is "the economic underpinnings to the investment philosophy," said Vice Chancellor of Investments Matthew Wright. "We want to make sure they don't base their investments on whether there is a full moon or not," said Wright.

The Office of Investments employs 16 people dedicated to assessing risk, calculating performance and researching new opportunities. According to Wright, Vanderbilt invests using institutional funds. These funds are similar to mutual

funds but manage much larger amounts of money. Like mutual funds, institutional funds can be invested in a variety of things including stocks. Because of this, the Office of Investments is watching the recent market failings as closely as any investor.

To ensure variety and security, Vanderbilt invests in many different funds. However, due to the small size of the school's endowment in comparison to other schools, they cannot invest in quite the same way.

"Vanderbilt is smaller than Stanford or Yale, and thus cannot have separately managed accounts," Wright said.

According to Wright, having separate accounts would allow Vanderbilt to designate certain stocks or areas it does not want to invest in. Schools like Yale have \$20 to \$30 billion endowments, and therefore have the ability to have accounts like these.

In addition to this, Wright said the office carefully considers how stocks are chosen -deciding whether to leave the decisions up to a single person or to use a repeatable system for choosing

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NEWS BRIEFS

Vice presidential debate offers Palin, Biden high risks, big rewards

NEW YORK (AP)—For an audition to be second fiddle, Thursday's debate between often ill-informed newcomer Sarah Palin and often gaffe-prone veteran Joe Biden offers unusually large pitfalls — and

For once, the whole world may be watching. Already, 3,100 media credentials have been issued, the most the Commission on Presidential Debates ever needed in seven vice presidential debates it's hosted.

The attention is driven by the public's fascination with Palin, the first-term Alaska governor that Republican presidential candidate John McCain plucked from relative political obscurity to be his

Initially, Palin was praised as a superb political communicator for the delivery of her acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention four weeks ago. She energized the party's conservative base, which had reservations about McCain, and quickly showed she could outdraw McCain on the stump — a likely factor in their decision to appear together more often than running mates usually

But a series of shaky Palin television interviews have left even some conservatives questioning whether she is ready to be vice president. She couldn't describe the Bush doctrine in foreign affairs, seemed to have little grasp of the proposed financial industry bailout and even appeared to endorse Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's position on chasing al-Qaida terrorists in

Palin's performance against Biden, the Delaware Democrat with 35 years in the Senate, could restore her initial luster or seriously weaken the GOP ticket.

Bailout revival sought by Congress, with better deposit safety

WASHINGTON (AP)—In a surprise move to resurrect President Bush's \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan, Senate leaders slated a vote on the measure for Wednesday — but added a tax cut plan already rejected by the House.

Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and GOP Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky unveiled the plan Tuesday. The Senate plan would also raise federal deposit insurance limits to \$250,000 from \$100,000, as called for by the two presidential nominees only hours

The move to add a tax legislation — including a set of popular business tax breaks — risked a backlash from House Democrats insisting they be paid for with tax increases elsewhere.

But by also adding legislation to prevent more than 20 million middle-class taxpayers from feeling the bite of the alternative minimum tax, the step could build momentum for the Wall Street bailout from House Republicans. The presidential candidates Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Barack Obama, D-III., intend to fly to Washington for the votes, as does Sen. Joe Biden of Delaware, the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

The surprise move capped a day in which supporters of the imperiled multibillion-dollar economic rescue fought to bring it back to life, courting reluctant lawmakers with a variety of other sweeteners including the plan to reassure Americans their bank deposits are safe.

Wall Street, at least, regained hope. The Dow Jones industrials rose 485 points, one day after a record 778-point plunge following rejection in the U.S. House of the plan worked out by congressional leaders and the Bush administration.

Voting for president begins weeks early in pivotal swing state Ohio

CLEVELAND (AP)—In the state that may again determine the presidency, voters started casting ballots Tuesday as Barack Obama struggles to thwart a John McCain victory in Ohio four years after it tipped the election to President Bush.

Both candidates visit often while spending millions of dollars flooding TV and radio with advertisements, mailboxes with literature and even voicemail with automated phone calls to get supporters to the polls, particularly during the one-week window in which people can register and vote in one swoop.

Early participation appeared light; officials in the state's largest counties that are home to Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo and Dayton each reported several hundred ballots cast by afternoon. Many of those who voted cited convenience.

"I wanted to avoid the traffic and the people," said Charlene Glass, 49, of Cleveland Heights. A first-time voter, she backed Obama and expressed her enthusiasm for a black candidate. In Dayton, Terri Bell, 49, chose McCain because of his experience and his military service. "I have a lot on my plate. I wanted to do this early," she said.

At stake: 20 electoral votes — perhaps, the presidency itself. Most recent state polls show a dead heat; others give McCain an edge. National surveys show Obama slightly ahead if not more. The disparity underscores the difficulty Obama is having in closing the deal in this pivotal state. He's a first-term senator from Chicago with a liberal voting record and would be the country's first black

In all, 270 electoral votes are needed for victory.

Huge TVA electric rate increase takes effect; largest hike in 30 years

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—The Tennessee Valley Authority's largest electric rate increase in more than three decades takes effect

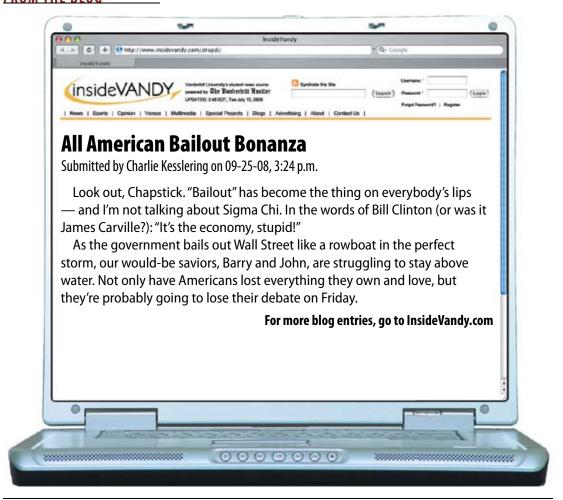
The 20 percent hike is expected to add about \$16 to \$20 a month to the average residential bill. It's TVA's biggest rate boost since 1974 and its second in 2008. Virtually all of TVA's 159 distributors in Tennessee, Alabama,

Mississippi, Kentucky, Georgia, North Carolina and Virginia were expected to pass the higher rates on to their customers. TVA blames the increase on skyrocketing fuel costs for its power

plants and a three-year drought that's hurt hydroelectric power

But it comes as Tennessee distributors say consumers already are struggling to pay their power bills on time and avoid service cutoffs.

FROM THE BLOG



SNAPSHOT



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

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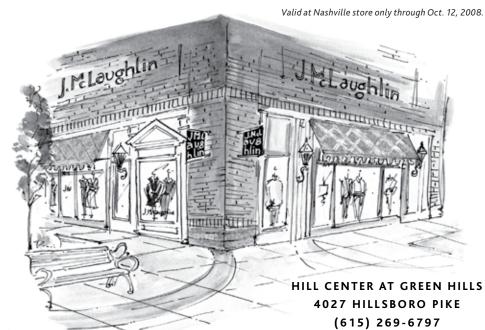
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Wellness Clinic to dispense free Plan B

by ALLIE MORRIS

Science & Medicine Specialist

Due to an increase in demand and funding at the clinic, the Student Health Center will give out free Plan B on Oct. 13 in addition to flu vaccinations available to all students throughout the month of October.

Educational programming on STDs will also be available.

Louise Hanson, director of Student Health, said in order to raise awareness that Plan B, commonly referred to as the "morning after pill," is available at the Student Health Center, the pill will be given out for free at this special Wellness Clinic event.

"People know (Plan B is) over the counter but don't necessarily think it's OK to come to us," said Hanson. "It's more comfortable coming here."

According to a statement from Dean Health Center for \$15. of Students Mark Bandas, "In an even fewer number of cases, the people making the report (of being sexually assaulted) indicated that they made the report in order to obtain certain medical services from the ER, including the 'morning after' pill and treatment

Plan B has a commercial value of roughly \$40-50 but is sold at the Student

Hanson countered the argument that dispensing Plan B will increase unsafe sex. "Having Plan B available doesn't mean people will change their behavior. If the unexpected happens, be prepared. When you get in your car, you put on a seatbelt, why not just have the pill sitting in your room if something does happen?"

In addition to Plan B, the health

center is also offering free HIV screening, information about STDs and free flu shots. Unlike previous years when flu vaccines have been limited, the Health Center already has 3,000 vaccines in stock. The free shots will begin on Oct. 13 at the Wellness Clinic held at the Student Health Center, and continue through the rest of October at the Commons on Oct. 14 and Sarratt on the Oct. 28 and 29. ■

LEADERSHIP

Budget approved by House

bv LILY CHEN

Leadership Specialist

At the Vanderbilt Student Government House meeting Wednesday, the budget for the 2008-2009 school year was approved. The budget, allocating a total of approximately \$109,623, was distributed among 10 committees, four councils, six housing areas, other programming and other administrative costs. The income was received from student fees, Dean of Students, the Vanderbilt Bookstore and the VSG run shuttle services. ■

Total Revenue for 2008-2009 Estimate (1)

\$109,623

VSG Fiscal Year 2008-200	9
Committees	
Organizational Relations	840
Athletics	8,500
Special Events	5,000
Publicity	500
Student Services and Technology	10,500
Community Service	5,000
Environmental Affairs	2,000
Security	1,500
First Year Relations	5,000
Campus Services	1,000
Senate	
Engineering Council	600
Blair Council	1,500
Peabody Council	1,160
A&S Council	3,750
House	
Area 1 (Kissam)	2,000
Area 2 (Alumni)	1,500
Area 3 (CT)	1,600
Area 4 (BQ)	2,000
Area 5 (HQ)	2,000

Area 6 (Comns) 3,000 Central-Exec Co-sponsorships 23,000 Other programming (2) 15,673

Administrative costs (3) 12,000

\$109,623 **Total Expenses Total Revenue Remaining**

(1) Estimated income from student fees, Dean of Students, bookstore

(2) Includes VSG central events/programs (ex. shuttle service, holiday party) as well as logo items and other branding costs. (3) Includes printing, advertising, phones, and office expenses

ACADEMICS

Our Town: Timely depiction of classic **American play**

for STDs."

by SARAH BILSKY News Contributor

On Oct. 3, Thornton Wilder's tale of the beauty of life and despair of living, "Our Town," will debut at

the Neely Auditorium at Vanderbilt

University.

Director Terryl Hallquist, an associate professor of theater, chose the play due to its use of commonplace themes. "It's a universal play; if there is one American play that is going to go on forever, this is going to be the one," said Hallquist.

"Our Town," a play in three acts, is perhaps one of the most frequently produced plays by an American playwright. Set in a small fictional town in New Hampshire in the beginning of the 20th century, "Our Town" chronicles the growth and development of members of the town of Grover's Corner.

The play documents the

relationship between Emily Webb and Peter Gibb, examining as they grow from childhood friends to partners in marriage and the ties that connect them in death. The play emphasizes how important it is for mankind to live every day to its fullest. It encourages the viewer to appreciate life and value the poignancy of everyday moments.

"If you are looking for anything about American theater, 'Our Town' is pretty much the pinnacle," said sophomore Jane Hirtle, publicity cochair of Vanderbilt Theater.

"('Our Town' is) about us, it's about our time," said Hallquist.

"Our Town" will be performed at 8 p.m. on Oct. 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11, and at 2 p.m. on Oct. 5.

Admission is \$10 for the general public, \$7 for graduate and professional students and free for undergraduates with Vanderbilt identification. ■

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OPINION

In support of Vandy Fanatics



CAROLYN PIPPEN

Columnist

Want to know a secret? I live with a celebrity.

In fact, Kate Corvese and I are practically

That's right, the president of Vandy Fanatics eats, sleeps and breathes 15 ft from my door. You may know her as "That girl who emcees Memorial Madness and Gold Rush;" we just call her "The Rock Star."

Aside from all the free T-shirts, however, living with Vanderbilt's No. 1 sports fan is not all roses and rainbows. This morning, for instance, I was awakened at 5 a.m. by a blood-curling scream coming from the next room, so I ran over to find Kate sitting up in bed, recovering from a horrifying nightmare.

"It was awful," she said. "College GameDay came to campus for the Auburn game, and no one cared! I had to steal the blow-up dolls out of every frat house, dress them up in Vandy gear and prop them up behind the ESPN desk so it would look like we had fans. By game time there were so many white-out shirts laying forgotten on the Star Walk, Lee Corso thought it was winter in Ann Arbor and started screaming 'Hail! Hail! To Michigan!' Before I knew it, the concession stands were accepting Auburn IDs instead of the Commodore Card and NCAA officials were calling to let me know we had been kicked out of the (SEC)!"

After calming down our poor, overworked roommate, reminding her UT was still unranked and putting her back to bed, I couldn't seem to fall asleep myself. Had it been just a nightmare? Sure. Could it happen to us? Absolutely.

Let's face it guys, our athletic fan base is nothing to write home about, and our game day celebration doesn't quite hold up to conference rivals. I know what you're thinking — the Greek row tailgates, the ties, the heels, the tendency to forget an actual competition is taking place — it's tradition! Our alumni did it, our priorities are different and it sets us apart from the rest of the pack. Trust me, I'm Catholic, I understand tradition, and 364 days out of the year, I'm honestly OK with it. But this week, we're going to try something different. It's a little social experiment I like to call "Screw Tradition."

Coach Bobby Johnson screwed tradition when he led our team to the second 4-0 start in four years. Our team screwed tradition when they beat the ranked Gamecocks for their biggest home win in over a decade. And ESPN is throwing tradition out a 19th story window by bringing its biggest college football show to Nashville for the first time in history. Now it's our turn

The challenge: get up a little earlier this Saturday. Pregame like your life depends on it — come on, I know you know how — and make your way over to the GameDay set. Wear something gold. Or black. Or white. Stick it to that cop who busted the completely legitimate juice bar you had in the back of your Jeep last year and get belligerent on national television. Make inappropriate signs about the sexual stamina of a Tigers fan and TiVo it to show your friends for years to come. Then, go to the game.

Why? Because our players deserve it. In case you haven't noticed, they're performing like a top 25 team these days, and it's about time we started treating them like one.

Maybe then my roommates and I will finally get a decent night's sleep.

—Carolyn Pippen is a senior in the College of Arts and Science. She can be reached at carolyn.m.pippen@vanderbilt.edu.

EDITORIAL

Vandy students need guns

Students received a crime alert e-mail Monday from the Vanderbilt University Police Department describing an armed robbery that occurred earlier that morning. A student was held up right outside Kensington Garage on 25th Avenue near Memorial Gymnasium, InsideVandy.com reported.

VUPD's response to the crime was swift and to the point. As is customary with major crimes affecting students or faculty members, the department's e-mail provided the necessary information about the crime, contacts for reporting information and "Risk Reduction Tips" for students. Community members can feel secure that the police are continuing their investigation into this crime, as they have for all similar incidents.

While Vanderbilt's police are reliable and generally keep our campus safe, the occurrence of this serious crime indicates our security situation is not perfect. Police officers, after all, cannot cover every corner of campus at all times.

Armed robberies are not overly prevalent on campus, yet Vanderbilt could be considered a prime target. Located in the heart of Nashville, our campus has a good deal of upper-middle class students with wallets of credit cards and cash, cell phones, iPods and laptop computers. Still, there may be a more convincing reason armed robbers may target our campus.

Tennessee state law dictates that no person may carry a firearm, open or concealed, on a college or university campus, even with a license. This effectively bans guns at Vanderbilt, except for those criminals who choose to break the law. Tennessee and other states with similar laws should reconsider campus gun bans.

If would-be criminals realized that along with all of the goodies, Vanderbilt students could also be carrying a handgun, they might think twice before stepping onto campus. Add the increased concern in the aftermath of campus shootings in the past two years, and it seems having licensed gun owners carry handguns on campus could greatly increase safety.

Simply the knowledge that students, faculty and staff could be carrying handguns may be enough to deter criminals from staying out of our community. Relaxing firearm restrictions should be the next step in a long succession of quality security measures for Vanderbilt.

Hustler cold, out of touch

To the Editor:

Opinion Editor Thomas Shattuck's ill-intentioned rant in Monday's the Hustler belongs in a fireplace, not a newspaper. How could you allow such sensational filth to be printed in your publication?

He attempted to respond wittily to students' opinions of, and often outrage over, the Hustler's decision to push 54 mug shots to the forefront of the campus' consciousness. Yet he only managed to stumble over his own bias and incompetence.

In less than 650 words, Shattuck accused half of Vanderbilt's student body of illiteracy, indicted "most of us" for spending our tuition money on alcohol and cocaine, expressed his desire to consume the ashes of students' dead mothers and threatened, in the case that readers were handicapped, to throw them down a flight of stairs. Actually, my apologies, the version printed didn't contain any mention of "blow," just the copy on InsideVandy. Apparently, the same editorial prowess that brought about that change found the statement, "I'd rather season my meal with your dead mother's ashes than respect you," well within the bounds of journalistic integrity.

I find it interesting that Shattuck, an editor who relies on readership for the survival of his position, would state "half this campus can't actually read" twice within a 125-word excerpt. Perhaps he's right, and we students flip immediately to the crossword puzzle, aware of such weakness and the dire need to improve our vocabulary. Or, more likely, the crossword is simply less puzzling than the tangle of words found within articles like Shattuck's.

The underlying sentiment in many of the comments on InsideVandy, the responses to the front-page mug shots Shattuck strove to refute, seemed to be one of betrayal. We students simply could not believe Vanderbilt's student newspaper would exploit the poor fortune of fellow undergraduates for a temporary revival of the ailing publication's readership. Shattuck's column only confirmed our worst fears: The Hustler is entirely out of touch with the student body it supposedly represents.

Shattuck's systematic degradation of student organizations fails to help matters. He claims the football team, a clear source of inspiration and camaraderie this year, stands as a legitimate reason for alumni to withhold donations from Vanderbilt. He similarly insults The Slant. As an editor of The Slant, Vanderbilt's humor and satire rag, I can state definitively that Shattuck's supreme lack of writing ability and off-color attempts at humor would find no place in our pages, and shouldn't in The Hustler.

In Monday's issue, Shattuck writes that he feels "mildly offended that no one called for (his) resignation," and apparently acts upon this resentment by providing us with reason to do exactly that. Where's the oversight? Where's the ethics? I understand that as editors, you work tirelessly to put out a publication reflective of the effort put in. Perhaps your efforts shouldn't be so misguided, intentionally or otherwise.

Charlie Kesslering Sophomore College of Arts and Science

The tragedy of the Commons

To the Editor:

With three and a half years of life at Vanderbilt under my belt, I can say Vanderbilt has put me through some very frustrating experiences. Waking up to drilling outside of Memorial every morning of my sophomore year, thinking the Class of 2009 would never live off-campus and the fact that courses satisfying AXLE requirements change every semester have all been reasons I have questioned my decision to attend this school. The most frustrating moment of my entire life at Vanderbilt, however, may have been just 10 minutes ago, when I found out that ESPN and our administration had collaborated to select the Commons as the site for ESPN's College GameDay program. Not only is it a disservice to the three-fourths of the student body who live nowhere near the Commons, but also to the hordes of alumni and other fans who choose to tailgate in a sensible location: near the stadium. Olin Lawn, the area between the SLC and the Ingram Studio Arts Center, a section of the parking lots closest to the stadium, or maybe even the baseball field would have all made perfect sense to me. The only worse location than the Commons I can imagine might be Wilson 103.

Growing up in a family that has owned basketball

season tickets since 1986 and football season tickets for most of the '90s, I could not be more proud of our athletics program right now. It pains me to realize our administration has chosen to exploit the hard work of our undefeated football team by steering GameDay literally as far away as possible from the stadium in which our team plays, only to showcase what the administration believes is the greatest thing ever to happen to Vanderbilt. How about you pay for an advertisement for the Commons during the game and hold GameDay in a sensible location?

Is it too late? Does anyone have Lee Corso's number? This simply cannot go on. Imagine Jimi Hendrix playing in a Branscomb music practice room, the Celtics shooting around on the outdoor court at the Rec, Usain Bolt warming up on the indoor track or holding the presidential debate in a frat house. I equate all of these horrible mental images with what is about to happen on Saturday, and I know there is someone, somewhere, who can do something to fix it and let GameDay represent our football program in a respectable manner.

Taylor Gould Senior College of Arts and Science

The importance of the VP debate



FRANNIE BOYLE

Vice presidential debates usually aren't very significant, but tomorrow night in St. Louis, Americans will see perhaps the most important debate of this election. McCain's chances at victory will depend heavily upon

Gov. Sarah Palin's performance against Sen.

Joe Biden, and many Americans will be tuning in for it.

Sarah Palin came out strong a few weeks ago at the GOP Convention, giving a speech that mobilized the conservatives in the party and gave McCain a big surge in the polls. In an ABC poll, 58 percent of Americans said they had a favorable impression of the vice presidential candidate, while 28 percent said they had a negative impression. Two weeks later, though, her numbers dropped: 38 percent said they have a negative impression of Palin, while only 52 percent had a positive impression. This drop in support is mainly due to the governor's questionable absence from the media spotlight and her failure to get McCain's message across when she does get a taste of it (i.e., the awful Katie Couric interview). She has motivated the GOP's activist core, causing numbers for phone banks and door-to-door volunteers to triple in the last three weeks, but she still has a lot to make up for.

Not only does Palin have to clean up her image, but she also has to do it against one of the most talented politicians in America. Biden was first elected to the U.S. Senate in 1972, so there is no doubt about the amount of experience he has. He has also run a presidential campaign before, so he knows the ropes when it comes to a national debate. He is renowned for his communication skills, and he also has the advantage of being well known and being well defined in his issues.

Biden does have to be careful, though. He cannot appear to be degrading or condescending in any way, especially when going up against a woman. Also, despite her recent, unscripted mistakes, Palin has been known to be a fine debater, finding success in most campaigns she has run in. And, of course, the McCain campaign will have her as prepared as possible, fixing up the mistakes she has made in the past few weeks and those that she is likely to make in the future. A lot of her mistakes have not been the fault of her

speaking but rather her lack of a defined set of views. She also has not had a firm grasp of what McCain's positions mainly because they are not always the same as hers. If she can get these down, then she has the potential to do OK in this debate and in the rest of the campaign.

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Palin does not have to be spectacular Thursday night, but she does need to rise above America's expectations in order to sustain support from the GOP. She was chosen to get the right-wingers motivated, and if she cannot establish a firm base of credibility, McCain will have a hard time pulling through.

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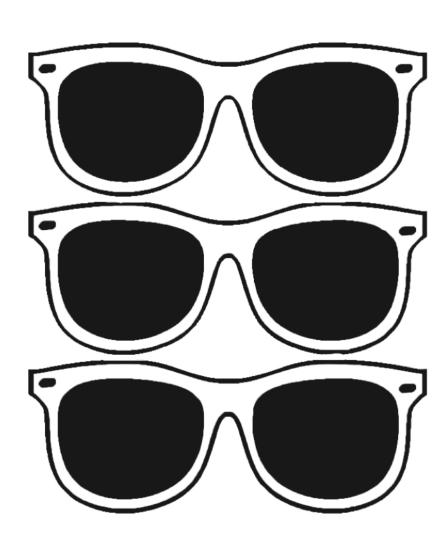
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A Brother's Reason

Freshman year was just a blast: there were new people to meet, a new environment to explore, and, of course, alcohol to consume. As much as people gloss over it, alcohol is actually a large factor on campus. I had always felt that alcohol was there to facilitate a good time and really didn't have any ill effects if used in moderation. Although I've heard my share of stories about alcoholics, watched many an episode of Intervention, and read about teetotalers who think alcohol is the devil, I had always thought that those people were in the minority and that those were the only reasons for their extreme views on alcohol, both excessive use and temperate. Now I know differently.



I was a part of fraternity rush freshman year, and second semester, I was given a bid and gladly accepted. Our pledge class set a record for the number of people joining, and the task of getting to know everyone was daunting. Through the process of getting to know one another, I found out an interesting fact about a particular brother. He didn't drink. I paused when I learned this fact, but after a while, I just casually dismissed it as either a random decision or a stupid one. Everyone, of course, accepted him for who he was and respected his decision about alcohol, but I could not help but feel that lingering thought of impropriety.

Eventually, our class was initiated, and we went on with our lives as brothers. Not soon after, however, everyone in the fraternity received an email from our president. The brother, who chose not to drink and was usually jokingly teased about his decision, was now on a plane home. His father was in the hospital for cirrhosis of the liver. The prognosis was very bad.

That's when it hit me. His decision not to drink wasn't based off of indoctrination about the evils of alcohol or the fear of being caught and his life ruined. He had personal reasons for his decision. It was because he simply did not wish to drink. I had always respected his decision not to drink before; after that day, however, I respected him even more for standing up for his decision not to drink, especially with all of the peer pressure that he must have faced.

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SPORTS

What's the key to victory over Auburn?

The Hustler Sports Staff discusses

Commodores must win turnover battle

bv DAVID SHOCHAT Sports Contributor



Chris Nickson (3) has yet to throw an interception this season but has also yet to throw for more than 91 yards in a game.

The key to victory this weekend is for the Commodores to win the turnover battle and, more specifically, not to turn the ball over. For a team that leads the nation in turnover margin, creating turnovers while taking care of the ball on offense has been a big part of Vanderbilt's success so far this season. Redshirt senior Chris Nickson has yet to throw an interception this season; however, against Auburn's defensive line, one of the best in the nation having allowed only one rushing touchdown this season and only 92 rushing yards per game, he may be asked to throw the ball more than he has in the first four games. Auburn also leads the nation in third down conversion defense as teams are only converting 14.5 percent of their third downs against the Tigers.

As good as Auburn's defense is, their offense is equally pathetic, as evidenced by their poor performance against Tennessee. Auburn quarterback Chris Todd can barely throw, and their back-up quarterback Kodi Burns neither seems to have much pocket presence nor does he seem to know the playbook very well as he runs most of the time he is in the game. Furthermore, Auburn has only scored three offensive touchdowns in their last three games, and they are 90th in the nation in total offense as they try to implement offensive coordinator Tony Franklin's spread offense. The Tigers should have trouble scoring on Vanderbilt's defense, and with the return of senior receiver George Smith, Vanderbilt's passing attack should finally come alive and help the Commodores move the ball. ■

Physical defense needs Home field advantage to show up early

by PETER LETARTE Sports Contributor



Reshard Langford (33), D.J. Moore (17) and Ryan Hamilton (2) lead a tough and talented secondary into the Auburn game Saturday.

The good shape and physical condition of Vanderbilt's defense has been praised as being the key to their second half dominance this year. In order for Bobby Johnson's defense to come out with the tenacity and persistence they will need to stop Auburn's offense this Saturday, they will need just that. It is the athleticism and stellar physical shape and endurance of the Commodore defense that needs to be present for Vanderbilt to prevail.

While the Tigers' offense has not put up particularly good numbers this season, it will be crucial for Vanderbilt to turn to what has been one of their biggest strengths this year and let their defense keep Auburn from scoring. A physically dominating and enduring day from the defense will allow Vanderbilt's offense and special teams to chip away at the tough Auburn defense.

That does not go to say that Auburn's offense should be taken lightly. The Commodores have seen how a no-huddle offense can cause their defense problems first hand in the Rice game. Rice scored with ease early on before Vanderbilt was able to stop them in the second half. The defense will need to apply what they learned in that game to stopping

"It was good for us to play Rice before the Auburn game because now we've seen that kind of offense being run," said linebacker Deandre Jones.

Auburn will certainly try to run Vanderbilt thin this Saturday with a no-huddle offense. To ensure they don't, the Vanderbilt defense will need to play hard from start to finish. Look for the superb physical condition of the Commodores to shine through in a victory over the Tigers of Auburn this

will be crucial

by DAVID RUTZ Sports Specialist



Vanderbilt crowd support has been a major intangible in the success of the Commodores in 2008. Saturday's crowd should be the best yet.

There's a major intangible that has been a difference for Vanderbilt this season, and that's been rowdy fan support. The Commodores are going to need it again when they face a tough Auburn team on Saturday. The psychological advantage a boisterous home crowd provides is immeasurable.

The second game of the year, Vanderbilt faced then-No. 24 South Carolina at home on ESPN in a game most thought the Gamecocks would win easily. My friends at other schools asked me if the blackout planned by the fans was going to happen, since they expected Vanderbilt's small stadium and supposedly weaker fan base was not going to provide any sort of home field advantage. After all, Vanderbilt had not beaten a ranked foe at home in 16 years, and all of the big wins for the football program over the past few years had been on the road.

The student body responded and provided the most electric atmosphere seen at Vanderbilt Stadium in years. The Vanderbilt players responded to the energy from the crowd in a big way, winning 24-17 and setting the tone for what has been a great season thus far. Many of them mentioned that the support of the fans was a huge factor in their strong play.

Now the Commodores face a greater challenge in Auburn and on an even bigger stage. Vanderbilt Stadium may be lacking in size, but it's not lacking in noise, not if Commodore Nation won't let it.

There's no doubt Vanderbilt fans will be the 12th man for the football team Saturday and do all they can to propel the Commodores to another victory by heeding the words of coach Bobby Johnson when he spoke at the Commons on Monday:

"Be loud, be rowdy and give Auburn hell!" ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS



1. Alabama 5-0 (2-0 SEC) Looks like the Tide is rolling again. Who would have thought at the beginning of the season they would

drop 31 points on Georgia

— in the first half?



2. LSU 4-0 (2-0) As the rest of the SEC beat up on each other last weekend, the Tigers took care of business, dispatching Mississippi State behind Jarrett Lee's



3. Florida 3-1 (1-1)

261 passing yards.

Maybe Tim Tebow is human after all. On second thought, 319 passing yards isn't too shabby, despite the ugly loss to Ole Miss.



4. Georgia 4-1 (1-1)

Sure, they were silenced by Alabama and Knowshon Moreno is injured, but a bye week followed by a home game with Tennessee should do the trick.



5. Vanderbilt 4-0 (2-0) In possibly the best

bye week in bye week history, our Commodores moved up two spots in the national rankings and found out that College GameDay is coming to town. Nice.



6. Auburn 4-1 (2-1)

Despite their anemic offense, Auburn managed to squeak out an ugly 2-point victory over the suddenly horrendous Tennessee Vols.



7. Ole Miss 3-2 (1-1) What happened? After

committing six turnovers in their game against Vanderbilt, the Jekyll and Hyde imposing Rebels waltzed into the Swamp and dispatched the Gators on a blocked extra point!



8. Kentucky 4-0 (0-0)

Sure, the Wildcats are 4-0. It's doubtful their next opponent, Alabama, particularly cares.



9. South Carolina 3-2 (0-2)

Highly touted freshman Stephen Garcia was solid in his first game at the help of the Gamecocks' offense, passing for 131 yards on 20 attempts in a win over UAB.



10. Tennessee 1-3 (0-2)

Rocky Top has hit rock bottom. The Vols couldn't even muster 200 yards of total offense against Auburn and they have a brewing quarterback controversy. And their next opponent, Northern Illinois, is no pushover.



11.Mississippi State 1-4 (0-2)

The Bulldogs did their best against LSU last week but came up short. As usual. Last year's bowl season seems like a long time ago.



12. Arkansas 2-2 (0-1)

Things seemed rosy in

Fayetteville as the Razorbacks got off to a 2-0 start. Then they played Alabama and Texas, losing by a combined score of 101-24. Maybe Bobby Petrino isn't such a coaching genius after all.

Coming of 'GameDay' excites campus

by MIKE KRANZLER

Sports Contributor

When Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Chris Fowler, Desmond Howard and the College GameDay crew pull up to the Commons Center on Friday afternoon, it will be a first for Vanderbilt University in several respects.

Not only will it mark the first time College GameDay has come to the Southeastern Conference's smallest and only private school, but it will also mark the first time in over 60 years Vanderbilt has been involved in a top-25 showdown at home.

The No. 19 Commodores (4-0, 2-0 SEC) will be looking to move one step closer to bowl eligibility with a victory over the No. 13 Auburn Tigers (4-1, 2-1), which would leave them poised to earn their first bowl bid since 1982.

Redshirt senior wide receiver Sean Walker is excited about what this weekend has to offer.

"We'd like to see the fan support behind the crew and fans cheering for their team and everything, all throughout the day. It's really big to bring some extra excitement for this already big game," Walker said.

Also, Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson, along with senior captains Reshard Langford and George Smith spoke at the Commons Center Monday

night, encouraging fans to maintain the fervor they've shown thus far for the Auburn game.

As ESPN's most popular college football show, College GameDay is known for the droves of fans stationed behind the set who show their support through cheers, jeers and the wacky signs that have become a weekly

Vanderbilt is one of the few schools in the country where Ivy League-caliber brains meet world-class athletes, and where the two are not necessarily mutually exclusive. Starting quarterback Chris Nickson, for one, was his high

school's class valedictorian. Thus, it follows for Vanderbilt students to be at the forefront in coming up with clever sign ideas for the College GameDay crew.

Senior Eamon Cullen is elated to have Vanderbilt outplaying the Tennessee Volunteers at this point in the season. His sign reads, "Hey Tennessee, How's the VU from the bottom?"

Junior Vernon Pearson refers to Tony the Tiger and Frosted Flakes Cereal with his entry, "It's GRRRRREAT to beat the Tigers."

Fellow junior Wade Wheatley, the head drum major for Vanderbilt's Spirit of Gold Marching Band, said, "Our football players actually *work* for their grades," no doubt referring to the



MARK DRAZDZINSKI / College GameDay

The College GameDay crew of Desmond Howard, Chris Fowler, Lee Corso and Kirk Herbstreit will be airing from the Commons Center patio starting Friday afternoon at 3:30, and then on Saturday morning starting at 8 a.m.

scandal at Auburn of athletes receiving free grades in sociology classes in which they did no work.

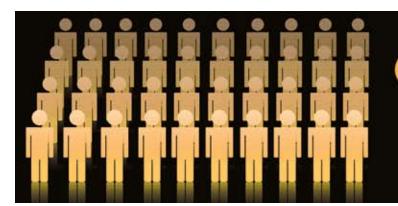
Senior Justin Gonzales offers some consolation to nervous fans in Nashville as his sign says "Don't worry, we won't 'Black Out' like UGA," poking fun at Georgia's blowout loss to Alabama on Saturday night after staging a "Black Out" for the game.

Vandy Fanatics President Kate Corvese, a senior, believes the best is yet to come, as evidenced by her sign: "Welcome to Nashville, ESPN ... Get

Comfortable."

Vanderbilt has not been on the forefront of college football for decades. But with the support of the Commodore Nation, nowisthe program's opportunity to rise to national prominence. When College GameDay comes to town, Vanderbilt fans will get their biggest opportunity yet to show the rest of the country why "It's Good to be Gold."

Be sure to check out Hustler senior reporter Andrew Barge tonight at 9:45 on ESPNU where he will be discussing the Vanderbilt-Auburn game. ■



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