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TODAY Auditions for choral ensembles

Open auditions for the Blair Collegium Vocale, Blair Chamber Choir and Vanderbilt Symphonic choir will take place today from 1:30 to 3 p.m. in the choral rehearsal hall.

TODAY Greek Life information session

An information session for all students interested in joining fraternities or sororities will be held today at 5 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 'A Showcase of Vanderbilt Student Performing Arts'

The inaugural SPOTLIGHT performing arts showcase highlighting various performance groups on campus will be in the Martha Rivers Ingram Center for Performing Arts at 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUG. 30 Federal Work-Study job fair

A job fair open for all FWS financial aid recipients who are looking for a new job or returning to their old one will take place in the Student Recreation Center Gym from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 College Colors Day

Vanderbilt fans are invited to celebrate College Colors Day by wearing Vanderbilt apparel the day before the preseason opener against the University of Richmond. Interested individuals will have the chance to trade in well-worn Vanderbilt items for new ones at a 25 percent discount.

FRIDAY, AUG. 31 VU Theatre auditions and crew sign-up for 'The Tempest'

Information about the show and auditions will be posted on the VUT home page. Scripts are available in Neely 207 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

HOT & hECTiC



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Members of Move Crew assist freshmen and their families by hauling multiple boxes and suitcases from the parking lot to the students' new dorm rooms.

Upperclassmen greet new students on Move-In Day.

by CALLIE JONES
Contributing Reporter

The work was long, difficult and hot, but coordinated Move-In Day efforts passed efficiently for nearly 1,600 new students and their families.

The goal was "make it through today seamlessly," parking lot marshal Glen Smith said Saturday.

Newcomers began to move into their new homes in Branscomb Quad, Kissam Quad, Vanderbilt and Barnard Halls, and Carmichael Towers East as early as 7 a.m.

They were greeted by the Move Crew, a volunteer work force of over 800 upperclassmen who braved 99-degree temperatures to help freshmen move their belongings.

"It's going well. Parents are thrilled because it's really nice to have Move Crew," said senior VUceptor Carl Bontrager.

Parents and students alike agreed they were grateful for the help.

"It was so efficient, and everyone was happy to help us," said Leslie Pritchard, mother of freshman Sarah Baccich.

And Move Crew workers only had a few complaints.

"It was hard and hot, but still good exercise," said sophomore David Rutz.

New students gathered with their VUcept orientation groups later in the afternoon for Founders Walk, a symbolic march through the main entrance on West End Avenue.

Members of many student organizations, along with faculty, staff and administration, greeted the students.

"It was kind of amusing," said freshman Shira Paul, "because all of the people must have been there for a while screaming at all the people before us."

Students sat in front of Wilson Hall after the walk to listen to speeches by Interim Chancellor Nick Zeppos and several others. The event concluded

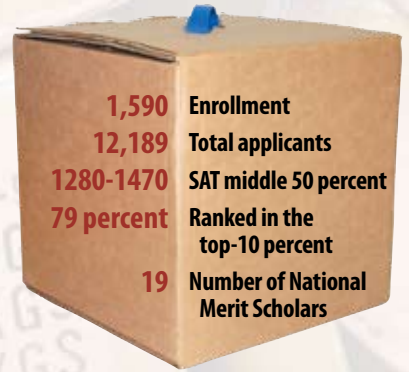
with a picnic on Alumni Lawn but was cut short by a brief rain shower.

"I think it's a good tradition. Everyone was really involved," said freshman John Foshee.

Move-In Day is memorable for freshmen and their families because they are exposed to many different organizations and upperclassmen from the very beginning.

"I just think it's neat that all the organizations across campus are involved with Move Crew," Bontrager said. "No other campus is like this."

BY THE NUMBERS The Class of 2011



RAs prepare for responsibilities, relationships in residences

by NIKITA RODRIGUES
Contributing Reporter

Residential advisers and head residents moved into their dorms last week and began intensive training to prepare for their campus roles.

RAs, student leaders who assist with personal and academic concerns, act as liaisons between the university and students.

But many of the 136 RAs and head residents believe their responsibilities and relationships with their residents go much deeper than the practical definition of their role would suggest.

"I would say you need to lay a solid foundation and, in time, treat your residents as equals. Let them know you're here to serve them and help them," said head resident Nicholas Hessman.

They trained all over campus with interactive talks in Sarratt and lectures in Furman Hall.

"We teach RAs to be aware of students at risk for suicide attempts and how they can help that

Counselor Vida Sobie encouraged RAs to report concerns about their residents and be supportive both in crisis situations and during counseling.

The staff of the Opportunity Development Center asked RAs to make referrals of residents with discriminatory problems.

While there are many technical aspects of residential life that RAs have to deal with, some go into their position for other reasons.

"It's a good way to influence people in a good way, and the (financial) person find sources of help," said Parrish Paul, a psychological counselor who assisted with training.

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—Nicholas Hessman, head resident

RAs participated in informational sessions on topics such as alcohol abuse and discrimination.

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THE FRESHMAN ISSUE



The content in this issue was produced by the 43 participants of Media Immersion: 2007.

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VUceptors plan for updated Visions

by CALLIE JONES
Contributing Reporter

A rabid basketball fan, a geologist, an ethnomusicologist and a camp counselor. Not many opportunities exist for these types of people to work together.

But for much of the past week, 200 student and faculty VUceptors of varied backgrounds have trained to prepare freshmen for DoreSteps and Vanderbilt Visions.

New and old VUceptors alike were required to take part in the training because of the many changes Vanderbilt Visions has undergone in its second year.

Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo, VUcept President Stuart Hill and other staff members opened the training session in the new Commons Center. The VUcept leaders then participated in small breakout sessions focusing on the Visions seminar and also attended a larger, lecture-based presentation.

"I think training this year, compared to last year especially, we've recognized what our needs are, and training so far has been great," said faculty VUceptor Denise Due-Goodwin. "The breakout session was very relaxed and helpful."

The breakout session allowed students and faculty to watch a mock discussion on DVD, participate in several hands-on activities and plan for their own Visions group.

"The groups are really excited, and I think they have great ideas and are really passionate about first-year students' acclamation to Vanderbilt," said Lauren Page Black, co-chair of training for the VUcept executive board.

Sophomore VUceptor Sarah Kurrus, a freshman participant in Visions last year, said she considers the training a force for positive change.

"I saw a lot of rough patches (last year) ... but I also saw a lot of potential, and that's what made me want to come back and change things," Kurrus said.

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VUPD CRIME LOG

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Aug. 25, 2:40 a.m.

A person was stopped for careless driving on Blakemore and Natchez Trace and was charged with simple possession and drug equipment violation after a "Roach Clip" and a green leafy substance were found in the vehicle.

Aug. 25, 4:10 a.m.

Two people found stumbling and intoxicated on 21st Avenue were charged with illegal consumption.

Aug. 25, 12:20 a.m.

Theft was reported at 18th Avenue South when a car's window was broken and radio stolen.

Aug. 26, 5:11 a.m.

A person was arrested on 24th Avenue South for driving with a suspended license.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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WORLD

Shiite gunmen clash in Karbala during religious festival, pilgrims ordered to leave

Fighting erupted Tuesday between rival Shiite militias in Karbala during a religious festival, claiming 51 lives and forcing officials to abort the celebrations and order up to 1 million Shiite pilgrims to leave the southern city.

Security officials said Mahdi Army gunmen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fired on guards around two shrines protected by the Badr Brigade, the armed wing of the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council.

Residents of Karbala contacted by telephone said snipers were firing on Iraqi security forces from rooftops. Explosions and the rattle of automatic weapons fire could be heard during telephone calls to reporters in the city 50 miles south of Baghdad.

In addition to the deaths, security officials said at least 247 people were wounded, including women and children.

The clashes appeared to be part of a power struggle among Shiite groups in the sect's southern Iraqi heartland, which includes the bulk of the country's vast oil wealth.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf said entrances and exits to Karbala "have been secured and more forces are on the way from other provinces." Officials said buses were sent to evacuate pilgrims from the city, which includes some of the world's most sacred Shiite shrines.

SOURCE: AP

Turkish foreign minister wins presidency in victory for Islamic-rooted government

A devout Muslim won Turkey's presidency Tuesday after months of confrontation with the secular establishment, promising to be impartial and praising the idea that Islam and the state should be separate.

Still, in a sign that tension could lie ahead, top generals did not attend the swearing-in ceremony in parliament of Abdullah Gul, their new president and commander in chief. Local media interpreted their absence as a protest against the 56-year-old Gul, the former foreign minister in Turkey's Islamic-oriented government.

Gul, who has tried to engineer Turkey's entry into the European Union with sweeping reforms, received a majority of 339 votes in a parliamentary ballot. The secular opposition had thwarted Gul's earlier bid for the presidency, but his triumph this time was assured by a ruling party that won a second term in general elections last month.

Gul, a former practitioner of political Islam who later cast himself as a moderate, vowed to campaign for gender equality and the rule of law, and he said "change and diversity" were not things to be feared.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Wall Street retreats as Fed minutes fail to soothe investors; Dow continues fall

Volatility returned to Wall Street Tuesday, sending stocks plunging as investors grew more uneasy about the economy and whether the Federal Reserve will take the steps needed to prevent credit market problems from spreading further. The Dow fell 280 points.

The stock market found little to assuage its concerns in minutes from the Fed's last meeting, released during afternoon trading. The major indexes' losses steepened after investors parsed the minutes for signs of a possible cut in interest rates.

There had been some hope on the Street that Fed policymakers might have sent a stronger signal that they were more willing to cut interest rates to help calm turbulent market conditions. But in the minutes from the Federal Open Market Committee's Aug. 7 meeting, while the central bank noted the turmoil in the markets and said "to the extent such a development could have an adverse effect on growth prospects, might require a policy response," it didn't discuss a cut in the benchmark federal funds rate that Wall Street has wanted.

Wall Street seems to be growing more dissatisfied because the Fed has not yet lowered the funds rate and with a return to the intense volatility seen earlier this month may be trying to force the Fed to act.

SOURCE: AP

Idaho senator's future in question; GOP leaders ask for ethics probe

Senate Republican leaders called for an ethics committee review Tuesday into Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's guilty plea in a police sting operation this summer in an airport men's room.

Republican leaders also are "examining other aspects of the case to see if additional action is required," Sen. Mitch McConnell and other top GOP lawmakers said in a written statement.

They released the statement shortly before Craig's scheduled appearance before television cameras in Boise, his first public comments since confirming his guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

Craig entered his plea several weeks after an undercover police officer in Minneapolis arrested him and filed a complaint that said the three-term senator had engaged in actions "often used by persons communicating a desire to engage in sexual conduct."

The bathroom incident in the Minneapolis airport occurred on June 11. Craig signed his plea papers on Aug. 1, and word of the events surfaced on Monday. The senator issued a statement Monday night that said, "In hindsight, I should have pled not guilty."

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Children's hospital ranked 23rd by U.S. News & World Report

The Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt was ranked 23rd by U.S. News & World Report on its first-ever listing of "America's Best Children's Hospitals."

The ranking, which listed 30 hospitals, marks the first time the magazine has assessed pediatric hospitals separately from its list of "America's Best Hospitals," and the first time U.S. News has recognized Vanderbilt Children's Hospital as one of the best.

In previous years, pediatric hospitals were recognized in the magazine's annual "America's Best Hospitals" issue solely by reputation. This expanded, separate ranking adds data and statistics about hospital performance and quality of care.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

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SNAPSHOT

KALEIDOSCOPE COOLDOWN



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Freshman participants in the Kaleidoscope pre-orientation program bask in the air-conditioned climate of Branscomb Quad. Kaleidoscope, one of the five DoreWays programs, aims to help students acknowledge and appreciate the differences between members of the community.



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Student and faculty VUceptors meet in the new Commons Center for Vanderbilt Visions training last week. This year's curriculum aims to make Visions a more enjoyable program.

VUCEPT: Freshman feedback used to build new Visions curriculum

From VUCEPT, page 1

Training has been in development for months, as freshmen were asked last year for feedback on their Visions experience. The VUcept executive board expanded the feedback to build a new curriculum that aims to make Visions a more enjoyable program.

Angie Cottrell, the senior preceptor for The Commons, said the many questions student and faculty VUceptors have present the biggest training challenge.

"We want to keep everyone engaged and involved and to keep answering the questions they have," Cottrell said.

Hill said training aims to prepare VUceptors to welcome new students into Visions.

"Vanderbilt Visions is intended to give them a community, and they can expect to leave Visions knowing a lot more about Vanderbilt," he said. ■

RAs: Program provides personal and financial rewards

From RAs, page 1

deal that they give you isn't so bad," said Renauld Clarke, a second-year RA.

RAs receive housing and a meal plan as compensation for their service.

But most RAs, such as Hessman, said the rewards of the experience cannot be measured.

"I have a passion for interfaith ministries, and I enjoy working for, living with and learning from people," Hessman said. "Working to understand cultural diversity and religious diversity allows me to know myself and others with much more sincerity." ■



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"Superheroes" Melissa Smith, Allen Pahlmeyer and Annette Jackson of the Opportunity Development Center dole out advice on how to deal with residents who discriminate.

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DoreWays program aids Sudanese community

Service center increases awareness of large refugee population.

by SPENCER MONTALVO and LAKENDRA SCOTT
Contributing Reporters

Service at the Sudanese Community and Women's Service Center immersed freshmen in the world of volunteerism before any of them had taken a single class.

Freshmen worked beside refugees as part of Big Horizons, one of five DoreWays pre-orientation programs that sent freshmen to three sites in the community.

Nashville, home to a surprisingly large Sudanese community, has welcomed nearly 8,000 Sudanese, including many who seek refuge from the war-torn country.

Since the center first opened its doors, various programs have helped facilitate the immigration process for refugees.

"If I help just one person it makes the work worthwhile," said Gatluak

T. Thach, executive director of the center.

The seven Big Horizons participants helped the center with tasks such as researching grants and cleaning rugs at the center.

Freshman Jamie Ziemba said the program enhanced her knowledge of the Sudanese conflict.

"I didn't know much about the Sudanese conflict, but when Gatluak told us his story I was inspired. I can't believe he got this far," Ziemba said.

The Vanderbilt community supports the Sudanese population in donations of time and resources, Thach said.

"We love the Vanderbilt students and community," said Thach, who emigrated from Sudan in 1996. "The students have been very helpful in the establishment of this center."

Sophomore Liz Muffly, a student leader, said students gained a lot from the experience.

"Community service helped my transition from high school to college by creating consistency, and I wanted to help the girls find that same connection," she said. ■

Campus empty no more



MALLORY MORSE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Many students arrived on campus early to participate in some of the many pre-semester activities. They enjoyed less-populated walkways, dining halls and residence halls while taking time to enjoy the outdoors, despite the sweltering local temperatures.

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Humane Association service expands freshman horizons



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Freshman Lindsay Baird makes friends with a kitten during the Big Horizons pre-orientation volunteer program. Big Horizons participants also volunteered at the Sudanese Community and Women's Service Center and with Vanderbilt Student Volunteers for Science.

Oppressive heat, tent living encourages bonding.

by NIKKY OKORO and EMMA WILLIAMS
Contributing Reporters

Freshman Oliver Wolfe knew Big Horizons would provide an opportunity to meet people and to do community

service. But he didn't know he would be so outnumbered as one of two boys among 35 girls in the program.

About a dozen Big Horizons participants volunteered at the Nashville Humane Association, one of three service sites. Their responsibilities included cleaning the facilities and walking, playing with and caring for the animals.

Big Horizons, one of five DoreWays pre-orientation programs offered to incoming freshmen, lets students meet

classmates while doing community service.

Wolfe said the program has given him more than new female acquaintances.

"I just found out I'm allergic to cat dander, so maybe a few sneezes," he said. "But other than that, I found the opportunity to help, and I know these animals will hopefully find good homes."

Most participants agreed that while the service aspect made their experience satisfying, the program

offered other benefits as well.

"I figured rather than playing games, I could help out in the community," said freshman Elisa Boody. "We also got to see more of Nashville, which was good since I'm not from around here."

However, participants were not as excited about their living conditions. Students in all four DoreWays programs stayed at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center, living in tents with other freshmen.

"I slept on a bench last night because

it was too hot inside," Wolfe said. "I ended up falling off the bench, but I like the camping."

While living in the oppressive heat does not make for the most glamorous experience, some students agreed that it encourages camaraderie.

"The camping is rough but fun. I'm in a tent with six other girls, and we've become best of friends simply because we're living in the same tent. It's hot, but good bonding time," Boody said. ■

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Squirrel campers beat the heat

Students enjoy experience despite temperatures, outdoor sleeping.

by **AVERY SPOFFORD**
Contributing Reporter

All hell was about to break loose. The dry air was still and tense as clouds of dragonflies swarmed over the parched, arid field. The camp hadn't seen rain in weeks. Rows of water coolers sat sweating in the grass, dripping with condensation.

In the center of this harsh wasteland, 80 motionless students huddled silently under a stark wooden tower, thirsting for relief from the sun's penetrating stare. Everyone seemed to be waiting for something; the potential energy was palpable.

As the tension mounted, a man stepped forward and raised his voice to the sky, declaring war: "We're going to play some games like we're fifth graders!"

Although Squirrel Camp activities may seem designed for elementary school students, the pre-orientation camp represents one of the first steps into adulthood for its 170 participants.

Water games, relay races and living in tents are all part of Squirrel Camp, a pre-orientation tradition that attracts freshmen as campers and upperclassmen as cluster leaders.

Camper Chris Drake said he felt very at home, having worked at a lake and attended

summer camp, while fellow campers Kathryn Sargent and Kate Woodburn said they hate bugs and love air conditioning but were still glad to attend.

Extreme heat played a special role at camp this year. Despite a harsh drought and temperatures peaking above 100 degrees, campers braved the elements by competing in outdoor games and living in tent communities for the duration of the program.

While some campers opted to sleep out in an open field in hopes of catching a breeze, others stuck it out in the surrounding woods.

Students said Squirrel Camp prepares freshmen for the social whirlwind that marks the beginning of college.

When asked if he felt more prepared for school after attending Squirrel Camp, freshman Drew Heimbrock said, "Maybe for the social aspect!"

Cluster leader Maggie Durlacher, who became a leader after attending camp as a freshman, called Squirrel Camp fun for both leaders and freshmen.

"I had never experienced anything like this where it was just play time. I'm a camp counselor, so I do a lot of playing in the summer, but it's always for the kids," she said. "But we are the kids when we're here, so I became a leader because it was the only way I could come back." ■

—To watch a video of freshman participants enjoying Squirrel Camp, go to:



Members of rival Squirrel Camp clusters battle it out during the relay race portion of the Squirrel Camp Olympics. FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler



Members of the Class of 2011 splash their way to victory in Percy Priest Lake during the Aug. 22 Squirrel Camp Olympics. FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Pre-orientation odyssey fosters leadership skills

by **AIMEE SOBHANI**
Contributing Reporter

Despite sweltering temperatures, 36 incoming freshmen braved the heat to forge new relationships and build leadership skills at the Joe C. Davis YMCA Outdoor Center.

Leadership Odyssey, one of five pre-orientation DoreWays programs, gives students the opportunity to take part in a variety of team-building exercises and listen to student leaders speak about campus involvement.

Neil Jamerson, who has served as program coordinator of Leadership Odyssey for four years, said many students who participate in this program become leaders in student government and other campus organizations.

"Leadership Odyssey exposes the new students to different perspectives, which helps them become better leaders," he said.

Freshman Paul Hamilton agreed, saying, "It's a step up to where I want to go."

Participants of Leadership Odyssey camp out in tents at the YMCA camp, located on Percy Priest Lake. Students also participated in a campus-wide scavenger hunt.

The hour-long event helped students learn their way around campus and gave them an opportunity to exhibit their problem-solving skills.

Freshman Victor Clarke said he liked the camaraderie of the program.

"Summer orientation is a little overwhelming, but Leadership Odyssey allows students to become close friends," Clarke said. ■

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Friday, Aug 24

- 5:30pm Services
- 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner

Sunday, Aug 26

- 10am Open House at Hillel
- 11am Welcome (Back) BBQ for parents and students

Thursday, Aug 30

- 11:30 Bagel Brunch on Alumni Lawn

Friday, Aug 31

- 5:30pm Services
- 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner

Monday, Sept 3

- 8pm Fondue with Friends

Wednesday, Sept 5

- 7pm Pizza Night

Friday, Sept 7

- 5:30pm Services
- 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner

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Thursday, Sept 13

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- 6:30pm Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, Sept 14

- 10am - 1pm Services
- 5:30pm Shabbat Services
- 6:30pm Shabbat Dinner

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OUR VIEW

Media orientation showcases freshman talent

As we are often told, the Class of 2011 blows away any group of applicants the school has ever seen. They are smarter, more ambitious, funnier, more talented — and probably better looking — than any of us.

The staff of The Vanderbilt Hustler, InsideVandy.com and Vanderbilt Television decided to put the admissions office to the test last week, allowing the freshman attendees of our Media Immersion: 2007 retreat to produce everything you see today on InsideVandy and in The Hustler.

You can see by the quality of writing, photography and multimedia in The Hustler and on InsideVandy that our efforts were successful. Freshmen teamed up with more experienced members of our student media team for four days, traversing campus to cover several events.

The freshmen were responsible for everything — conducting the interviews, taking the photos, writing the stories and producing the multimedia. For once, the editors

and experienced reporters took a back seat, giving input and advice as the content was produced.

The success of the retreat, evidenced by our product and participant survey responses, has been undeniable. Participants reported high satisfaction with most aspects of our program.

And the written comments we received indicate the freshmen who participated felt a sense of community by the end of the program, felt they had found a group of people who “got them.” This news should elate anyone who cares at all about the new student experience.

As administrators and student leaders begin to re-evaluate pre-orientation programming, our model of hands-on activities and small-group events tailored to students’ interests should be given serious consideration. Before Commons gurus reinvent the pre-orientation wheel, they should first look at the answers that may be right in front of them.

COLUMN

Nashville brings welcome change for freshman

CALLIE JONES
Guest Columnist

Moving to Nashville seems easy enough for me. I will not miss the brown sky, rolling tumbleweeds and ever-present threat of a tornado that my home in Lubbock, Texas, has to offer. However, the very prospect of Nashville never crossed my mind until I was accepted to Vanderbilt in April. Since that time, I have been gearing myself up to move to the city that possesses few similarities and many differences with Lubbock.

Culturally, Lubbock aspires to be Nashville, albeit with little hope. Our claim to fame includes the rock-and-roll tragedy of Buddy Holly, who died in a plane crash in 1959. Although country music artist Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks is native to Lubbock, she doesn’t think much of the place. The Dixie Chicks’ latest album “Taking the Long Way” includes the track, “Lubbock or Leave it,” if that gives any insight into Maines’ attitude toward the city.

“I guess Nashville and Lubbock are major centers for health care,” said Ning Foncham, my fellow Lubbockite and member of the Class of 2011, who was as incapable as I to find any real similarities between our new and future homes.

The differences between the two cities are much more pronounced. Although I’ve grown up with Texas Tech University literally in my backyard, I didn’t apply to Tech because Lubbock’s major concern is the school itself.

“Lubbock seems to be a town centered around a college, and Nashville seems to be a city on its own with a college in the middle of it,” points out Amy Whitmore, another member of the class of 2011 from Lubbock.

While Texas is not landlocked like Tennessee, Lubbock has no real body of water for recreation purposes. The Cumberland River seems like an oasis to me because I’ve never been able to just go to the lake or have a day on the river.

For many other students, however, the idea of a landlocked state is a bit intimidating. In fact, one of the discussions on the “Vanderbilt Class of 2011” Facebook group is titled “I’m Scared of Moving to a State Only Bordered by Land!!”

Freshman Ellington Griffin’s hometown of Grand Junction, Colo., is similar to my home in Lubbock because of the virtual lack of rainfall.

“When I was (at Vanderbilt) and they were complaining about the drought, all I could think was that it was the greenest drought I had ever seen,” Griffin said.

Much of the Class of 2011 will see a change in climate and weather patterns. Leaving our friends, culture and habits in our respective hometowns, however, is a very different — and in many cases, much harder — change.

“Here we miss school for every powder day, eat tofu, drink chai and river raft,” said Griffin, whose Colorado home definitely contrasts with Nashville.

Because I was born in Lubbock, I’ve never known anything outside of the group of friends that I’ve had for years now, or of the culture that encompasses football, church and various coffee shops. We don’t have any big music venues or pro sports teams.

Rest assured, however, that Nashville’s vibrant culture will be a welcome change for me and many other members of the Class of 2011.

The key difference for Meredith House, of Danville, Calif., is “a great diversity of people from all over, which makes it exciting,” and I have to agree. The various types of people both on and off the Vanderbilt campus give Nashville the kind of lively atmosphere that Lubbock may never achieve.

Although I am excited to discover the city of Nashville, I will still miss Lubbock. My friends, the fantastic blue sky and the Friday night lights of high school football are just a few of the aspects of my home that make it a part of my life. So, I hope that the Class of 2011 has relished the last few moments with their family, enjoyed the last glimpse of the beach and, if you are from Texas, savored that Mexican food. Welcome to Nashville; it will be a change for all of us.

—Callie Jones is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

Top 10 ways Facebook has changed the freshman experience

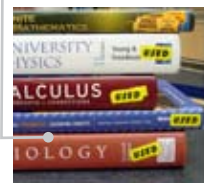
NATHANIEL HORADAM
Guest Columnist

Facebook has revolutionized the way we all interact; there isn’t any doubt about that. Over the last eight months, there have been many entertaining comments and discussions in the “Vanderbilt Class of 2011” group. Here are the top 10:

10. Fantasy Football — It’s that time of the year again. What better way to get to know classmates than competing with them in a season of fantasy football, like a group of freshmen organized over Facebook. Just be prepared to pay a premium on **JAY CUTLER** because the hometown hero isn’t going cheap.



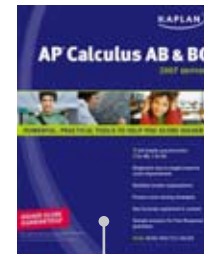
9. Free advertising — Are you tired of paying too much for your **TEXTBOOKS**? Thanks to Facebook, an upperclassman was able to pitch his venture, a cheap alternative to the bookstore, at no cost. What a bargain!



8. An early warning to mortals — It’s obvious that some people are just dying for the right opportunity to brag about that high school 4.2 or perfect ACT score. Christmas came in July for those students, when a high school senior asked what grades and test scores he needed to get into Vanderbilt.

7. Word spreads — Kudos to whoever discovered People Finder. Most freshmen knew room assignments two weeks before they came in the mail. Some students entered their classmates’ names into the search until they found a room match. In the same time they probably could have completed AlcoholEdu.

6. New way to deal with AlcoholEdu — Nothing is more pointless and miserable than three hours of AlcoholEdu, especially if you fail the test. Now instead of drinking away their sorrows, freshmen can find comfort in the complaints of their classmates who are suffering equally. Or not ...



5. Room dealing — Life isn’t fair. At least I realize that now, after seeing numerous requests on the Facebook group from freshmen looking to trade their Vandy/Barnard double or even Kissam single for the Branscomb double they desired.

4. AP tests weren’t that bad after all — The only relief from a brutal **AB CALCULUS EXAM** was seeing that everyone else in the group also thought they performed miserably. Two months later the same people were expressing their joy over the fives they weren’t expecting ... false alarm.



3. Mac users have a new forum to convert PC users — Nobody takes more pride in technology than **MAC USERS**. Period. Nobody should have been surprised to see them banding together to brag about how great MacBooks are and why every college student should get one instead of a Dell laptop.

2. Meeting potential roommates — Why wait until orientation to meet candidates for a roommate? With Facebook, there was time to meet classmates and potentially pop the question to them, “Will you be my roommate?” Just make sure they aren’t featured on the next edition of **“TO CATCH A PREDATOR.”**



1. Important questions answered — Most freshmen head off to college wondering which other students will participate in the same activities as them or if others are bringing cars to school despite the lack of on-campus parking for freshmen. But I never would have expected “What music are you listening to right now?” or “What do you want for your birthday?” to be the burning question on their minds.

COLUMN

Buckeyes and bowties: The chancellor and I

KELLY SWOPE
Guest Columnist

The buckeye, a seemingly unremarkable nut, can explain the departure of Gordon Gee from Vanderbilt University. Inanimate and unassuming, the tiny buckeye owns the allegiance of millions around the country, most notably those in the “Heart of it All,” the great state of Ohio.

As a lifetime citizen of Central Ohio and a new Vanderbilt student who never walked a day on campus with Gee, I believe he made the right decision in returning to The Ohio State University. Easy as it would be to attribute my opinions to my citizenship, I hope all can agree that this situation is too complex for simple assumptions.

A slew of press conferences have revealed that Gee’s emotional disposition drew him back to Columbus, a wellspring of inexplicable homesickness that quietly

plagued him throughout his tenure at Vanderbilt. In his farewell message to the Vanderbilt community, Gee remarked, “I am following my heart and returning to a place I consider my home.” Aside from the fact that he followed his heart to the “Heart of it All,” which is too good to be true as far as puns are concerned, Gee’s statement illuminates a realm of intangibility that has left his supporters befuddled and intrigued.

Elizabeth Middlebrooks and Tawney Milam of InsideVandy.com reported that many Commodores have a supportive outlook on Gee’s chosen departure but may still have lingering doubts as to why he would leave a university so intimate as Vanderbilt for a place so voluminous as OSU.

“I take him at his word when he says he isn’t leaving but that he is being pulled to some place he feels he needs to

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SWOPE: Gee and student swap places, not stories

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be,” said Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld in an interview with Middlebrooks.

Even with this sort of understanding, it still seems so ... well, nutty.

As Mike Maio observed on InsideVandy.com regarding Gee’s “ambivalent” Vanderbilt legacy, Gee considers himself a public educator. Ohio State was, for a time, the largest public school in the nation and therefore a natural draw for passionate civil servants. Thus disposed, it is not surprising that Gee might have felt he was spinning his wheels by working at a privately funded institution. His battle is not over financial offers or underhanded coercion; it is a leader torn between reason and idealism.

One cannot deny the romance involved in such an epic. Ronni Nimps, an incoming freshman at Ohio State, caught onto Gee’s ambitious philosophy from the onset.

“When he talks about OSU being ‘the university of the American dream,’ I feel like he’s telling us that there is as much to be proud of in a public school education as a private school one...that the Buckeye tradition transcends that,” she said.

Gee’s predicament is evidence that the war between the public and private sectors now permeates all societies, including the intellectual — a strange irony when one considers that many of America’s most renowned public servants are Ivy League private scholars serving the wants of a growing private sector.

Still, understanding does not account for how much Gee will be missed by his former comrades. His bowtie, the quintessential icon for every Vanderbilt student, was a symbol of his charm and gregariousness in leadership. Many incoming students, myself included, were wooed to Vanderbilt partly by Gee’s fashionable get-up, and many Commodores even

supported his presidency, if only aesthetically, because we liked his presentation; again, I include myself among the visually bewitched.

Yet the buckeye remains a symbol of unaccredited substance to non-Buckeyes. An Ohioan and thus a man of symbols, I am obliged to OSU and all of its nuts. My father is an alumnus, as is my dentist, my optometrist, my barber and my former pediatrician; at least 10 of my friends are going to be freshmen, and I myself went to a life-changing camp on the North End the summer before my senior year. Bowties, I am afraid, are secondary to my Buckeyes. I imagine Gee feels the same way.

I was planning my first conversation with Gee when I learned that we would not be swapping stories but swapping places. Even today I feel an irreplaceable piece has been stripped away from the university my classmates and I so labored over choosing. Surely, freshmen cannot be faulted for our disappointment in entering Vanderbilt without the figurehead with whom we associated the personality of our school.

But just when I begin to feel jilted, my mind traces back to the grandeur of OSU. Ohio’s beloved university is not merely the home of the Buckeyes: we also collect them, eat them and wear them dogmatically around our necks. To natives, especially old Columbus folk, it is good to be nuts.


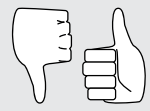






I am glad for Gee. History will show he was a Buckeye long before he was a Commodore. The most telling truth, however, is that Gee will again be a Buckeye after his stint as a Commodore, evidence he was nuts before he could crack the acorn’s shell.

Speaking of which, I nearly neglected the Vanderbilt acorn. Could this get any nuttier?

—Kelly Swope is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

THE VERDICT

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Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

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COLUMN

The unknown precipitates fear: A freshman challenge

FRANCIS SIMPSON
Guest Columnist

Whether you are from the Nashville area, surrounding states or thousands of miles away, integrating into the Vanderbilt community may cause personal insecurity. These trepidations stem from a fear of change, whether it is in location, climate, living situation or being away from home for the first time.

According to Karen Levin Coburn and Madge Lawrence Treeger, co-authors of “Letting Go: a Parents’ Guide to Understanding the College Years,” “You are leaving behind everyone you know and moving to a new place where you have made a commitment to spend the next four years of your life.”

A sea of 6,000 new faces can be intimidating. However, it is perfectly natural for a person to be

anxious when they are moving into uncharted territory.

Some students have been part of a tight-knit family for 18 years, so leaving that nurturing environment can also be difficult.

“You have left behind your family, friends, colleagues — all the people who are important in your life,” wrote Coburn and Treeger. “No one here knows anything about the status you had in your previous position — or about any of your past accomplishments.”

College students are asked to pack their life into a box, drive or fly to campus, and re-establish their home in a barren room the size of an elevator. For freshmen, this is most likely easier said than done.

There may additionally be an understandable fear of living with an absolute stranger, whom you know little to nothing about. Your roommate

might just turn out to be your best friend for life, or maybe your worst nightmare.

“We may or may not have anything in common. I have never been one to succumb to my fears, so I will have to learn to live with this guy,” said freshman Alex Longstreth of Nashville.

Freshmen know relatively few people when they begin their university experience. The immersion into a socially diverse environment filled with cultural, political and religious differences may cause considerable distress.

“I’m sure there are plenty of different kinds of people, yet the ones that always get stereotyped are the ‘sorority girls’ and the ‘preppy guys.’ Vanderbilt seems to have great programs in line for everyone to meet new people and get accustomed to college life,” said Lindsay Culp of Memphis, Tenn.

Every freshman is in the same boat filled with these new experiences and uncertainties. The key

to surviving is that we all support each other.

King Whitney Jr., president of Personnel Laboratory Inc., was quoted in The Washington Post on June 7, 1997, as saying, “Change can have a considerable psychological impact on the mind. To the fearful it is threatening because it means things can get worse. To the hopeful it is encouraging because things may get better. To the confident it is inspiring because the challenge exists to make things better.”

Students will look back and laugh about their fears prior to starting Vanderbilt. This time next year we will be the calm and confident upperclassmen that can provide a safe harbor to the new freshmen attempting to weather the storm.

—Francis Simpson is a freshman in the School of Engineering.

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Washington, D.C.



The bowling team was honored by President George W. Bush at a White House reception June 18 after winning the school's first-ever national championship in April.

Philadelphia, Pa.

Southeastern Conference Player of the Year Derrick Byars was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in the second round (42nd overall) and immediately traded to the Philadelphia 76ers.



Nashville, Tenn.

Add Oregon to the list of schools baseball coach Tim Corbin has rejected. Corbin will remain in Nashville after turning down the Ducks in mid-August.

He also has said "no thanks" to Auburn and LSU over the past three years.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Shan Foster was one of 12 college basketball players selected for Team USA, which placed fifth in the Pan American Games. The senior averaged 9.4 points and 4.4 rebounds per game and often guarded the opposition's best perimeter player this summer.



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School may have been out for summer, but that didn't stop Vanderbilt athletes from making headlines. Whether it was visiting President Bush at the White House or playing in the Pan American Games in Brazil, the Commodores were well represented across the globe.

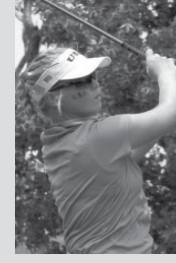
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The women's basketball team won all three games on its Spanish Tour in convincing fashion. The 2007 SEC Tournament champions beat Meliana Seleccion 101-56, the Chilean National Team 87-40 and the Madrid All-Stars 101-59.

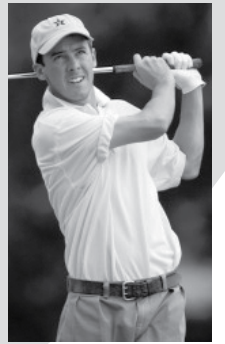
Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.

Team USA named junior Jacqui Concolino the MVP in the Fuji Xerox USA versus Japan Collegiate Golf Championship at Tijeras Creek Golf Club.



San Francisco, Calif.

Men's golf team mates Jon Curran and Chris Rockwell participated in the U.S. Amateur Championship at the Olympic Club Aug. 20 to 26.



Tampa Bay, Fla.

National Player of the Year David Price was selected No. 1 overall by the Devil Rays in the Major League Draft. The left-hander signed a six-year contract worth \$11.25 million or 752,508 Tim Lincecum instructional videos.



Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Juniors Pedro Alvarez and Ryan Flaherty and sophomore Mike Minor spent the summer playing baseball for Team USA. In addition to earning a silver medal in the PanAm games in Brazil, the Americans (25-12) also competed against national teams from Japan, China and the Netherlands, among others.



Australia

Incoming freshman A.J. Ogilvy led Australia to an 8-1 record and fifth-place finish at the FIBA U19 World Championship. Commodore fans eagerly await the arrival of the young center, who averaged 22.3 points and 9.8 rebounds per game.



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Clearing a new hurdle

Hill seeks to jump-start track & field program.

by DAVID NAMM
Sports Reporter

For years, D'Andre Hill has raced ahead of the pack. As a track & field star at Louisiana State University, she routinely disposed of her competition. As a coach at the University of Dayton and at Texas Christian University, she helped her pupils do the same.

Now the women's track & field coach at Vanderbilt, Hill believes she can turn the program into a serious contender.

"I have the best of both worlds," said Hill, a former 15-time All-American, six-time N C A A Individual Champion and 1996 Olympian.



HILL

"Like I tell recruits and their parents all the time: I am at a great academic institution, and I'm also in a great conference," she said. "I am so very excited about what we're going to do with this program."

However, before the program ascends to national prominence, one fundamental change must take place.

"We need to change the defeatist attitude and build up the reputation that Vanderbilt is coming to compete," Hill said. "I think the other athletic programs have done a great job putting themselves in the forefront, and we need to jump on that bandwagon."

With the scholarship possibilities and lure of the university, Hill is said she believes the team's rebuilding process will be a quick one.

"I walk in here with the ability to recruit six full scholarships," Hill said. "With that, you can turn

it around very quickly in a track program within a year."

This is not to say there aren't talented runners already at Vanderbilt.

Rather, the combination of experienced veterans and gifted newcomers should increase the team's chances of a speedy ascent to excellence.

"We're going to coach up the kids that we have here. I have a talent pool that just hasn't been developed, so we're going to work up the group we have and just recruit, recruit, recruit," Hill said.

With contagious enthusiasm and already staggering pride in the program, recruiting should be the least of her worries.

"I am sickeningly happy (to be at Vanderbilt)," Hill said. "The books and the media guides just do not do this place justice."

As pleased as Hill is to be in Nashville, Vice Chancellor David Williams is equally pleased to have her.

"I think the other athletic programs have done a great job putting themselves in the forefront, and we need to jump on that bandwagon."

—D'Andre Hill,
Women's Track & Field Coach

"After a thorough and intensive national search, we were fortunate to attract our top candidate to Vanderbilt and believe that D'Andre is the right person to develop the track & field program into a Southeastern Conference and national contender," he said.

By accepting the coaching position at Vanderbilt, Hill has effectively started a new race.

She can't wait to see where she finishes. ■

Countdown to kickoff



MALLORY MORSE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The wait is almost over for senior Cassen Jackson-Garrison (22), redshirt sophomore Jared Hawkins (31), sophomore Gaston Miller (27) and the rest of the football team.

The Commodores host Richmond Saturday at 6 p.m. in the first of eight home games. After finishing 4-8 a year ago, the Commodores seek to advance to a bowl game for the first time since 1982.

Allen thrilled to head golf team

Coach cites family as main reason for leaving Arizona.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Sports Reporter

For incoming women's golf coach Greg Allen, making the decision to come to Vanderbilt was tougher than making the green on the 17th hole at Sawgrass.



ALLEN

"It was the hardest decision I ever had to make in terms of my career," Allen said. "We had been in Tuscon for seven years, and we were far away from home, 1,600 miles from our family."

Allen, who has coached 10 All-Americans — including the current No. 1 player on the LPGA tour, Lorena Ochoa — had been the head coach at the University of Arizona since 2000, winning the Pac-10 Conference twice and earning a runner-up finish in

NCAA Championship once.

"The family we had going at (Arizona) and especially with my team — it was the hardest phone call I've ever made," Allen said. "Calling five or six of those girls that were really close to my family and me — I don't think I've ever had a team impact my kids at home the way this last year's team has."

As difficult as it was for Allen to leave his family in Arizona, it was his other family he had to consider when making the decision.

"That was the reason we came to look at Vanderbilt, because it was so close to home for my wife and I," said Allen, who grew up Kentucky and graduated from Murray State University in 1993. "To have our kids close to their grandparents and aunts and uncles and cousins is really important for us."

Allen accepted the position in early July after Martha Richards decided to return to the University of Texas.

"We conducted an intensive national search and everyone has good things to say about Greg Allen," said Vice Chancellor David Williams. "His vast experience running a top-10 program, his record as one of the nation's top recruiters and his down-

to-earth personality make him an ideal fit for us at this time."

Interestingly enough, Richards was one of the people who convinced Allen to take the job.


"Martha's my best friend in coaching, period," Allen said. "I want to come in and continue doing the same things that she was doing, which is taking this program to the top and winning the national championship."

Although Allen is new to Vanderbilt, he is already familiar with many of the golfers.

"It seemed like the last three or four years, every time we played a tournament, we were paired with Vanderbilt," Allen said. "I knew the team, and I knew that it had the type of players that I want to continue to recruit. Everything that this program and this university stands for is what I believe in."

Allen said he is confident his first year will be a successful one.

"You achieve the big goals by doing the little things, and I think that's what this team has done in the past," Allen said. "They have fun every time they go out and play. Being able to walk away from a tournament knowing that we gave it the best that we had, that's all you can ask." ■



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