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THE WALL

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TODAY
Yearbook portraits



Non-seniors can stop by Sarratt 112, located behind the Baseball Glove Lounge, any time from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 to 6 p.m., today through Friday to take their yearbook photo. There is no cost to sit for a portrait.

TODAY
Recycling program discussion

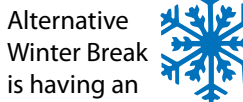


Plant Operations is holding a forum to gather input on the recycling program. It begins in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center auditorium at 5 p.m.

TODAY
Travel Vendor Fair

The Travel Vendor Fair will take place today from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Life Center. The event will offer tips on saving money while traveling, and suppliers populating the Vanderbilt travel Web site will sponsor drawings.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6
Alternative Winter Break information session

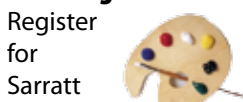


Alternative Winter Break is having an information session on this year's sites and how to get involved at 5 p.m. in Sarratt 110 and Friday at noon in Sarratt 189.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6
WilSkills first meeting

WilSkills is having its first meeting of the semester at 7 p.m. in Garland Hall, Room 101. WilSkills is a great opportunity to paddle, climb, cave and backpack. This is also the last chance to sign up for the course.

TODAY THROUGH FRIDAY, SEPT. 7
Sarratt Studio art class registration



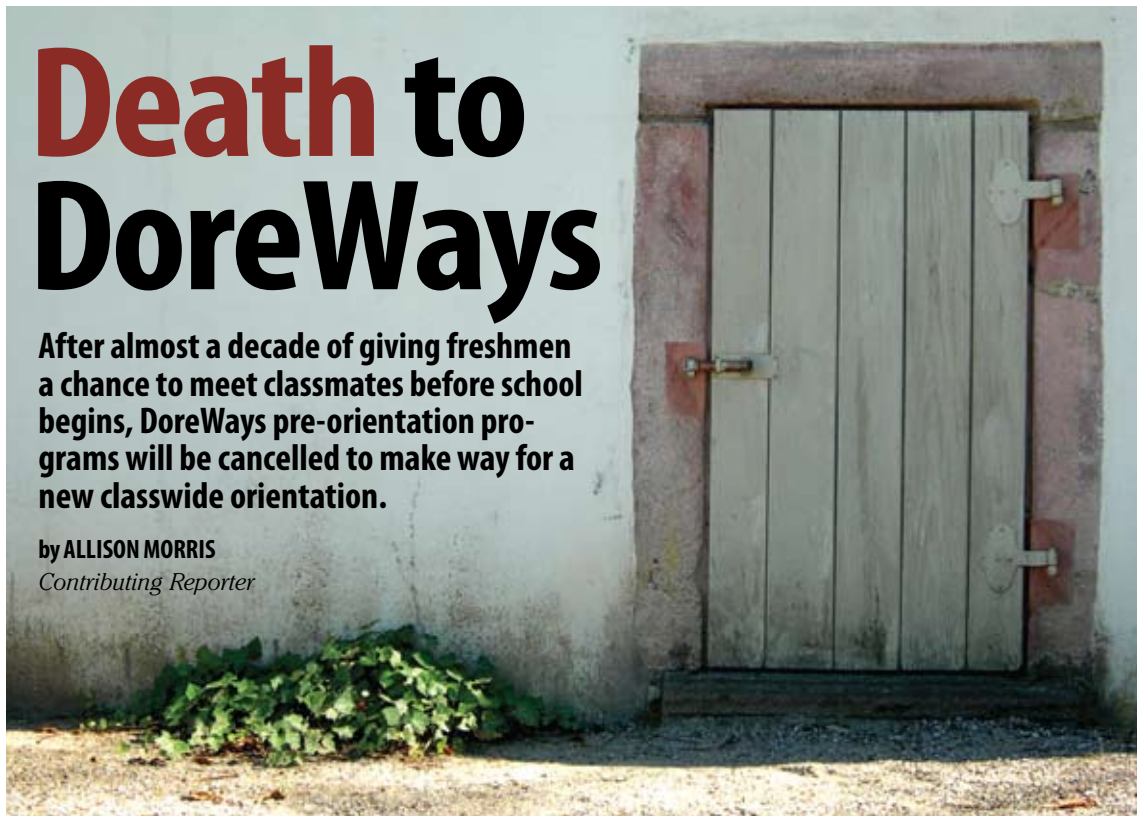
Register for Sarratt Studio art classes through Friday from 12 to 6 p.m. in Sarratt Student Center. Courses include pottery, jewelry, painting, photography and more. Classes begin Sept. 10.

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

Death to DoreWays

After almost a decade of giving freshmen a chance to meet classmates before school begins, DoreWays pre-orientation programs will be cancelled to make way for a new classwide orientation.

by ALLISON MORRIS
Contributing Reporter



Next year all freshmen will start their college journey a full week early as part of a mandatory pre-orientation program complimenting the Commons experience.

The new pre-orientation program will replace the five DoreWays programs — Big Horizons, Kaleidoscope, Leadership Odyssey, Squirrel Camp and WilSkills — and the Student Academic Orientation Program, which usually is held in June.

It will combine these programs with VUcept into a weeklong orientation that is meant to give all freshmen a common experience and ease them into college life, said Dwayne Elliott, the director of New Student and First Year Programs.

DoreWays programs began in 1999 with the creation of Squirrel Camp as a pre-orientation program.

The program was designed to help first-year students successfully move into college life. It was so popular it spurred the start of four more programs, each with a different theme.

No scheduling plans for the pre-orientation week have been made, but an orientation committee made up of representatives from each of the four schools, the admissions office, the Office of the Dean of Students and the student body has been selected.

Some students are skeptical of the change.

"Being forced to hang out with people isn't an effective way to make friends," said sophomore Whitney Garrett, a VUceptor and an alumna of Squirrel Camp. "People at Squirrel Camp want to be there. ... People who don't want to be at pre-orientation ruin the atmosphere and taint the experience."

Others expressed how much they enjoyed the DoreWays programs.



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Around 170 freshmen participated in Squirrel Camp this year. The Squirrel Camp Olympics was one of several team-building events held during the four-day program.

"I'm glad we came this year," said freshman Sara Magenheimer, who participated in Leadership Odyssey. "Living with 30 people in

tents made us pretty tight friends, and I already knew 30 people before school even started."

Even Elliott said he is sad to see DoreWays go.

"I still stay in touch with participants," he said. "They call me Papa Squirrel."

The new orientation program will try to make meeting people less overwhelming by separating incoming students into VUcept core groups of 15 people, Elliott said. Throughout the week, VUcept groups will participate in activities with other groups.

Some students expressed concern that students will no longer have the opportunity to meet different people in three separate programs.

"I met my roommate at SAOP, a group of friends at WilSkills and more people in VUcept," said freshman Patrick Seamens.

Others, however, welcome the idea of a mandatory orientation program. It would have been helpful, said freshman Elizabeth Kampf, who did not participate in DoreWays.

"I didn't know anyone when I got here," she said. ■

—To view a video from this year's Squirrel Camp, go to:



Faculty meal plans under the radar

by LAKENDRA SCOTT
Contributing Reporter

Meal plans, previously available only to students, are now an option for faculty and staff.

By offering a meal plan, Vanderbilt aims to create a deeper involvement between students and faculty through a unified dining experience.

However, many faculty members expressed ignorance of the opportunity.

"I wasn't aware that there were faculty meal plans, and I'm not sure if my colleagues

are aware of them, but they seem like a good idea," said Lisa Guenther, an assistant professor of philosophy.

At present, faculty involvement is minimal, with the majority of participants using a trial plan through the Vanderbilt Visions program.

"I am a faculty VUceptor so I got meals through the program," said Gieri Simonett, an associate professor of mathematics. "I have enjoyed using the meal options, and I think I will get a full-time faculty meal plan after Visions ends."

Simonett represents a minority, however, and the limited knowledge of the faculty and staff meal plan extends further than professors. Dining officials also seem less than informed about the faculty plan.

"I couldn't really explain the faculty meal plan because I know very little about them myself," said Julie Crider, marketing coordinator for dining services.

However, Frank Gladu, assistant vice chancellor for business services, has high hopes for increased interest

in the initiative.

"The program is still new, so we have hope for increased involvement," Gladu said.

This surge in interest hinges on the promotion of the meal plans, but the plan seems to lack effective marketing. Dining promotes the plans with e-mails, postcards and Vanderbilt Register articles, but the advertising provides minimal information.

Gladu said the main mode of promotion is word of mouth.

Please see **MEAL PLANS**, page 3

SPEAR plans new initiatives for a greener Vanderbilt

Composting, recycling cardboard part of efforts.

by KELLY SWOPE
Contributing Reporter

Most students wait in line to get their food at Rand. Now one group gets theirs from the plates of people who have already eaten.

Members of Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling are choosing half-eaten, picked-through food and dead organic material over fresh fish filets and squash casseroles at campus dining halls. The decision, SPEAR president Brent Fitzgerald said, is much more eco-friendly and a well-balanced assortment for a healthy ... compost pile?

A new project developed in conjunction with Vanderbilt Dining, the composting initiative takes unused foods and organic waste and puts them back into the soil, offering a more constructive utilization of biodegradable waste than landfills.

"It has been a very joint effort from administrators as well as students," Fitzgerald said.

The composting process is not unlike working in the kitchen, although the ingredients may look less appealing.

SPEAR members will turn the compost themselves, a process which separates and purifies components of the mix so it can be reintroduced to the earth in a contributive fashion.

"It is literally just like churning old-timey butter," Fitzgerald said.

The composting program is one of several programs SPEAR intends to inaugurate this year.

Fitzgerald will meet with the Panhellenic Council next week to discuss a sorority recycling initiative designed to educate and equip campus sororities that may have fallen behind with their recycling efforts. This most recent expansion of Greek recycling operations is co-sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government.

New students had the opportunity to see SPEAR in action during Move-In Day, when the organization's Cardboard Crew collected discarded boxes and other reusable products for recycling. Alongside 22 recruits from Move Crew, SPEAR participants collected a record amount of cardboard that would have otherwise gone into local landfills.

SPEAR is also planning an eco-friendly move-out in the spring. More frequent garbage rounds and conspicuous recycling opportunities throughout the year should reduce the necessity of disposing so much waste at year's end. There will also be collection pods outside the dorms during move-out where students will be able to deposit gently used goods for reuse.

"Our biggest philosophy is to live on sustainability," Fitzgerald said, "to live in such a way that future human beings are not penalized for our actions. ... My hope is that being green is as commonplace as brushing your teeth in the mornings. Brushing your teeth is not a fad — you just have to do it." ■

BY THE NUMBERS Cardboard Collected by SPEAR and Vanderbilt Plant Operations during Move-In Day:



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1.7 tons

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FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy, 91/71

SATURDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 92/71

VUPD CRIME LOG
compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

There is no crime to report.

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

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Powerful Felix hits Central America, Henriette roars into Baja California

Hurricane Felix hit Central America's remote Miskito coastline and Henriette slammed into resorts on the tip of Baja California Tuesday.

Atlantic and Pacific hurricanes making same-day landfall is unprecedented according to National Hurricane Center records dating back to 1949.

Both came ashore as category 5 storms, another historic incident.

Felix hit first, just before dawn, off the Nicaraguan coast, tearing roofs off buildings and leading to severe flooding. Officials feared the possibility of mudslides in the area because of a forecasted 25 inches of rain.

In the Pacific, Henriette's top winds increased to 85 mph, and it made landfall just after 2 p.m. on the southern tip of Baja, a resort area popular with Hollywood stars and sports fishermen. Few tourists or residents had expected much trouble, but they awoke Tuesday to dangerous winds, closed airports and forecasts of a direct hit.

SOURCE: AP

Former president Rafsanjani chosen to head a powerful clerical body in Iran

Hashemi Rafsanjani, a former president and longtime Machiavellian figure in Iranian politics, was picked Tuesday to head a powerful clerical body, another defeat for the current president's hard-line faction.

Rafsanjani's election as chairman of the Assembly of Experts means the charismatic cleric will oversee the secretive body that chooses or dismisses the Islamic Republic's ultimate authority, its supreme leader.

The election focuses new attention on Rafsanjani, a complex figure who at various times has been viewed more as hard-liner and at other times as a pragmatist.

A wealthy man, Rafsanjani controls a multimillion dollar family business empire, one of Iran's largest, and is believed to oppose President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad's populist economic policies.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Thompson to preview candidacy with ad during GOP debate

Former Tennessee senator Fred Thompson plans to announce his official entry into the Republican presidential contest on Thursday. Building up to the announcement, he'll pique interest first on Wednesday with an ad aired during a GOP presidential debate from New Hampshire that Thompson would have otherwise skipped.

Thompson will also appear on Jay Leno shortly after the debate.

A 15-minute video post online is also part of the candidate's self-promotion tactics.

The face time and other measures suggest Thompson will control his message more than other GOP candidates, some critics say.

The debate ad and a follow-up commercial on Thursday will instruct viewers to go online and get an undiluted message straight from the candidate. Thompson's team cites the candidate's ability to "connect directly to the public" as one his strongest weapons.

SOURCE: AP

Officials say Bush unlikely to order more than symbolic troop cuts this year

President Bush's senior advisers on Iraq have recommended he stand by his current war strategy, and he is unlikely to order more than a symbolic cut in troops before the end of the year, administration officials told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

The recommendations from the military commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker come despite government findings that Baghdad has not met most of the political, military and economic markers set by Congress.

Bush appears set on maintaining the central elements of the policy he announced in January, one senior administration official said after discussions with participants in Bush's briefings during his surprise visit to an air base in Iraq on Monday.

Although the addition of 30,000 troops and the focus on increasing security in Baghdad would not be permanent, Bush is inclined to give it more time in hopes of extending military gains in Baghdad and the formerly restive Anbar province, officials said.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Register ceases publication, will be replaced with new Web site and e-mail newsletter

To make way for new system of communication within Vanderbilt's faculty and staff circle called myVU, the Vanderbilt Register will cease publication.

An overwhelming response to an online survey administered by Vanderbilt's Division of Public Affairs provided insight that led to the decision. As it explained in a recent e-mail to faculty and staff, "response to the Register was generally positive," but the Vanderbilt community desired something more tailored to their "dynamic" environment.

About 4,000 responded to the survey, and 1,100 offered written responses, the department said.

The Division said myVU will be an interactive, possibly "fun" way to stay abreast of campus events. It could take the place of some e-mail list serves and will provide bulletins of employee offerings.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT REGISTER

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- Roly Poly Sandwiches
- Sam's Place Sports Bar & Grill
- Smoothie King
- Sunset Grill
- Wendy's (two locations)

—To view an interactive map of these and other restaurants, go to:



SNAPSHOT

WALLACE FINDS PROMISE IN COMMONS



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Perry Wallace, the first black Vanderbilt basketball player, speaks on "The Promise of The Commons" at the dedication of Murray House Tuesday afternoon. Murray House is named in honor of Walter R. Murray Jr., the first black Board of Trust member.

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Junior Jambu Palaniappan takes time to admire the New Orleans photography exhibit in the Sarratt Art Gallery.

New Orleans' future 'Uncertain'

by KATHERINE MILLER
Asst Life Editor

Days after the two-year anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, the Sarratt Art Gallery will welcome Jose Torres Tama's timely and politically charged "The Cone of Uncertainty: New Orleans After Katrina."

The show is part of the gallery's new series "the Gallery Goes," which will explore the use of media and performance in contemporary art.

The acclaimed solo mixed-media performance of New Orleans artist Torres Tama will launch the series and "introduce the Sarratt Gallery to the new student body and demonstrate how a campus gallery can really be utilized on a campus," said Bridgette Kohnhorst, assistant director of art and cultural programs.

Performing under various aliases, including "El Mephisto Moderno," "El Senor Futuristico" and "El Juan Bond," Tama investigates the American dream, race relations in America and the Latino immigrant experience.

Torres Tama presents his work with a magical realist Latino-vooodoo aesthetic, and in keeping with this, "Cone of Uncertainty" involves the use of personal stories, visual tableau and film projections in a ritual format. Using the show to express his anger and frustration with the abandonment of New Orleans by the government, Torres Tama offers his own escape from the city during the storm on a stolen school bus as a part of the show.

"The clarion still needs to be sounded for the state of affairs after Katrina, and he addresses that situation very directly," Kohnhorst said. "His show is campy in tone and very untraditional, so it's a fresh way of looking at the issue."

The show will begin in the Sarratt Gallery on Sept. 6 at 7 p.m., and the audience will move with Torres Tama into the Sarratt Cinema five minutes into the performance.

To accompany the Torres Tama show, the Sarratt Art Gallery is hosting a New Orleans photography exhibit from Sept. 1 to 28. ■

Chapters circle up for Greek Week

by KELLY SWOPE
Contributing Reporter

Uniting solely with their chapter will not get Greeks the win during Greek Week this year; they now have to unite with other chapters as well.

National Pan-hellenic, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Councils will hold Greek Week from Sept. 11 to 14. Chapters will participate with their tri-council circles, made up of chapters from all three councils.

The weeklong event is designed to bring people together through activities that combine friendly competition with social networking opportunities.

"We really wanted to stress Greek unity and work together," said Ashley

Holmes, president of Panhellenic Council. "All the chapters are doing a great job helping each other out."

Some highlights of the week include a banner-decorating contest and an evening of Greek and pop culture trivia on Tuesday, a three-hour community service event Wednesday, a lip sync showcase on Alumni Lawn on Thursday, and a day of games and music on Friday, building up to the concert featuring Pat Green and The Dirt Drifters at 9 p.m.

NPHC President Liz Scott anticipates a variety of students will attend the concert, and though the week is intended to reach out to those "intrigued and excited about Greek life," all are welcomed and encouraged to come. ■

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MEAL PLANS: Remain priority

From MEAL PLANS, page 1

"We are hoping that faculty will tell their colleagues as they enjoy the meal plan options," he said.

Dining services transitions have also hindered the progress of the faculty and staff meal plan promotion.

Lida Horna, director of dining services, is in the process of leaving her position, and this has put promotion of the new meal plan on the back burner. The construction of The Commons also presents added confusion to the dining services organization.

Despite all adversities, Gladu said he still believes in the faculty plan.

"I am seeing faculty in the dining hall every day," he said. "It's not a large increase, but it is an increase. We are building a stronger community." ■

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