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compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

TODAY Senior Class Fund committee information session

Seniors interested in learning more about the Senior Class Fund or who would like to apply to be a committee officer should attend a meeting today in Sarratt Student Center, Room 116 at 4 p.m.

TODAY 'How to Get Into Law School' workshop

Network and get advice from alumni, law school admissions staff and students from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Flynn Auditorium in the Vanderbilt University Law School. Sign up by e-mailing alumni@vanderbilt.edu.

THIS WEEK Sign up for intramural soccer

Sign up for intramural indoor soccer this week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Student Recreation Center's Office of Campus Recreation located on the second floor. Play begins Sept. 26.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Teach for America information session

Teach for America campus recruiters and staff will be on hand to answer questions and discuss the program at the information session in the Student Life Center meeting rooms, located on the ground floor, at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Mandatory candidates meeting

There will be a mandatory meeting for all freshman Vanderbilt Student Government candidates in Furman 114 at 6 p.m.

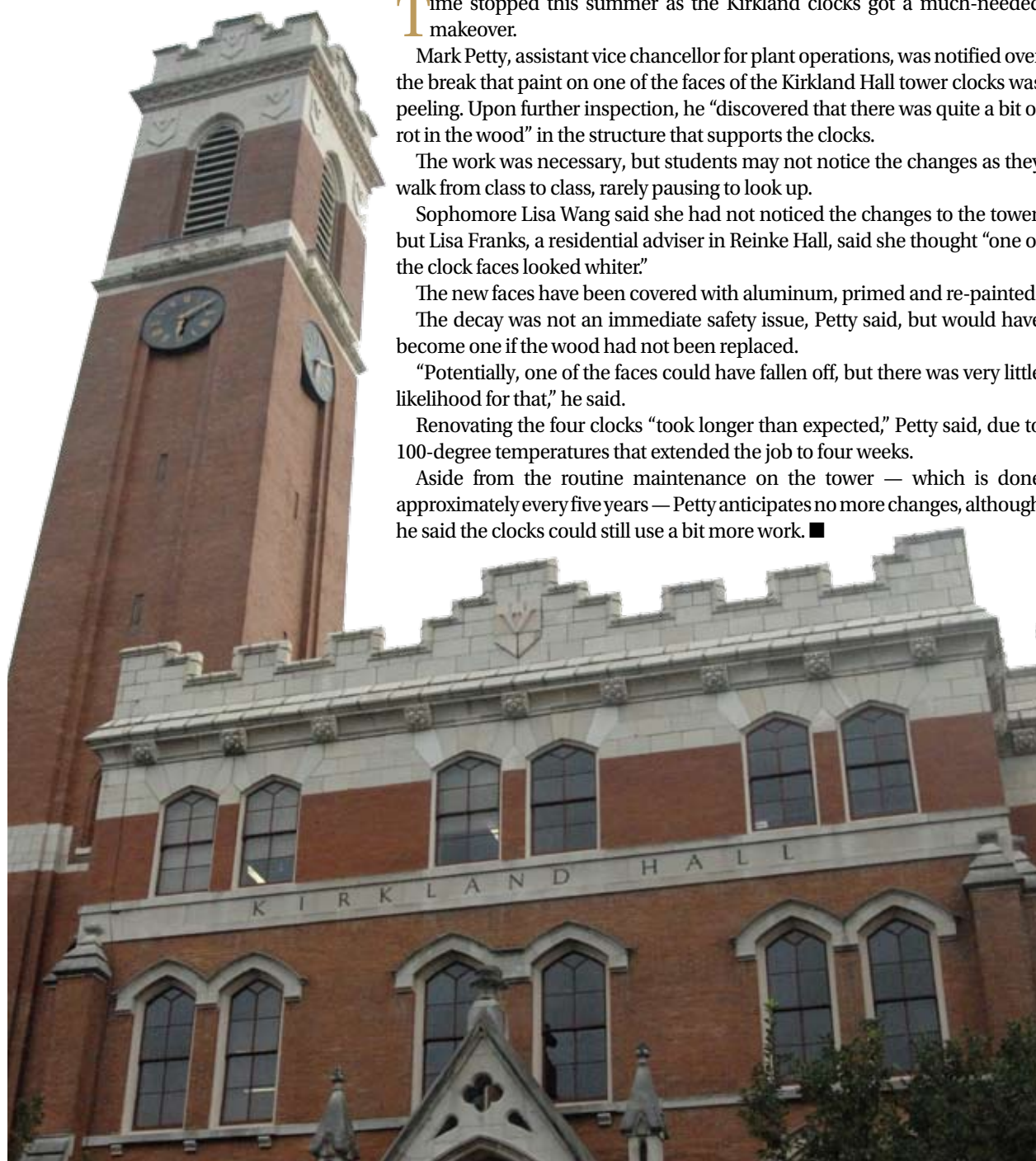
TUESDAY, SEPT. 11 Study abroad information session

Students interested in studying abroad are invited to attend the Study Abroad Information Fair in the Student Life Center Ballroom from 1 to 5 p.m. Applications to study abroad in spring 2008 are due Sept. 21.

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

Kirkland clocks get face-lift

by ELENA MAGRANS
Contributing Reporter



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Time stopped this summer as the Kirkland clocks got a much-needed makeover.

Mark Petty, assistant vice chancellor for plant operations, was notified over the break that paint on one of the faces of the Kirkland Hall tower clocks was peeling. Upon further inspection, he "discovered that there was quite a bit of rot in the wood" in the structure that supports the clocks.

The work was necessary, but students may not notice the changes as they walk from class to class, rarely pausing to look up.

Sophomore Lisa Wang said she had not noticed the changes to the tower, but Lisa Franks, a residential adviser in Reinke Hall, said she thought "one of the clock faces looked whiter."

The new faces have been covered with aluminum, primed and re-painted. The decay was not an immediate safety issue, Petty said, but would have become one if the wood had not been replaced.

"Potentially, one of the faces could have fallen off, but there was very little likelihood for that," he said.

Renovating the four clocks "took longer than expected," Petty said, due to 100-degree temperatures that extended the job to four weeks.

Aside from the routine maintenance on the tower — which is done approximately every five years — Petty anticipates no more changes, although he said the clocks could still use a bit more work. ■

10 faculty members chosen to lead Commons

Professors prepare to head individual houses.

by DAVID BROWN
Contributing Reporter

Ten faculty members will greet the Class of 2012 as neighbors when the freshmen move into the houses on The Commons.

Chancellor Nick Zeppos said in an e-mail to faculty members that he chose these 10 heads of house to "serve as mentors to students living on Vanderbilt's campus-within-a-campus for first-year students and residential faculty."

"The Commons is more than a new campus," Zeppos said. "It is an idea, a philosophy of education and human potential."

Associate professor Gregory Barz, head of house for North Hall, said he looks forward to connecting with undergraduates in a more meaningful way.

"The Commons represents an opportunity for a group of faculty to function as leaders of very special living-learning communities," he said. "By serving as a faculty head of house, I personally hope to tear down the boundaries that often exist between teaching and learning."

The faculty heads of house went through a rigorous selection process that included applications and numerous interviews. A search committee chaired by Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo received approximately 30 applications. Zeppos gave final approval of the 10 appointees.

Sharon Shields, a professor in the practice of human and organizational development, jumped at the opportunity to become head of house.

"It has been a dream of mine to be a faculty-in-residence at the university level for a long time," Shields said. "This is a chance for both faculty and students to work together to build something unique." ■

Commons Dining Center receives positive response

The Food Gallery looks to add deli, wok stations.

by TAYLOR DAVIS
Contributing Reporter

The Commons Dining Center may be a mile away, but for many it is worth the walk.

Despite its location on the Peabody campus, The Food Gallery served an average 800 people for lunch and dinner and around 200 for breakfast every day in its first week.

"The response has been very positive, and people are definitely in here checking it out," said Executive Chef Camp Howard.

Lunch and dinner have been the most popular times of day for the dining hall, and the pizza station in particular has students coming back for more.

Numbers should also increase with the opening of three more food

stations in about a month. In addition to Brick Oven, The Grill, Chef's Table and Center Island, the dining center will feature a deli and wok station. The dining team also will look to add a saute station at the salad bar and expand the grill station.

Most customers have been sophomores and juniors who live on Peabody and have a short walk over.

Sophomore Katie Cummings said she likes having a dining center close to her dorm.

"The Commons food is a great deal for your Meal Plan account," she said.

But the new dining center is not just for upperclassmen. Freshman Eric Wormsbaker said he eats at The Commons every day because of its convenient location to his classes on Peabody. ■



STEVE GREEN / VU Media Relations

Students eat in the new Commons Dining Center during the first full week of classes. The eatery, located on Peabody, draws students from all areas of campus.

FACULTY HEADS OF HOUSE

Jo-Anne Bachorowski
West House

Greg Barz
North House

Tony Brown
Hank Ingram Jr. House

Mark Dalhouse
East House

Frank Dobson
Gillette House

Chalene Helmuth
Sutherland House

Paul Lim
Crawford House

Tiffany Patterson
Stambaugh House

Ron Schrimpf
Memorial House

Sharon Shields
Murray House

Frank Wcislo
Will reside with his family in the Dean's Residence as dean of The Commons.

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Odds & Ends

WEATHER
compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL
TUESDAY



T-Showers, 78/62

WEDNESDAY



Sunny, 86/66

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy, 85/67

VUPD CRIME LOG
compiled by REBECCA TYRRELL

Tuesday, Sept. 4, 8:30 p.m.
A person was charged with theft of a gasoline-powered generator during a football tailgate party.

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 1:07 p.m.
A person in Vaughn House was charged with a narcotic violation for having cocaine in his possession.

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 REBECCA TYRRELL

WORLD

Parents named as suspects in disappearance of 4-year-old daughter return to England

A British couple named as suspects in the disappearance of their 4-year-old daughter returned to England Sunday, days after being grilled by Portuguese police about new forensic evidence authorities believe ties them to the case. The McCanns say Madeleine vanished from a hotel room in southern Portugal's Algarve region, where she and her siblings were sleeping, while her parents ate dinner at a nearby restaurant.

The case took a turn in recent days, after police said new forensic tests done on evidence gathered months after the girl vanished found traces of blood in the couple's car. The traces of blood, apparently missed in earlier forensic tests, were uncovered by sniffer dogs brought from Britain.

The couple's ordeal has drawn attention around the world, partly because of an unprecedented international campaign they led to find their daughter.

SOURCE: AP

Al-Qaida's North African affiliate claims responsibility for deadly Algeria bombings

Al-Qaida's North African affiliate claimed responsibility Sunday for a car bombing that killed 30 coast guard officers and another recent blast that ripped through a crowd waiting for the president.

In Saturday's blast, explosives planted in a van ripped through barracks in the northern coastal town of Dellys, about 30 miles from the capital, Algiers. The bombing appeared timed to kill as many officers as possible when they were grouped together to raise the flag. The Interior Minister said the blast killed 30 coast guards and injured dozens.

Al-Qaida in Islamic North Africa claimed responsibility in a statement posted on the group's Web site, and it said it also was behind a blast Thursday that killed at least 22 in eastern Algeria.

"We swear to God to continue sacrificing our lives until you stop supporting the crusaders in their war, apply the Islamic tenet and stop your war against God's religion," the group said in the statement.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Tropical Storm Gabrielle makes landfall on North Carolina's Outer Banks, packing 50 mph winds

Tropical Storm Gabrielle made landfall Sunday on North Carolina's Outer Banks, packing 50 mph winds and plenty of rain, but not enough of a threat to scare vacationers from the shore and surfers from the beach.

"It's a lot rougher out there, but this what we look forward to every year," said Derek Creekmore, 32, of Chesapeake, Va., as he carried his surfboard into tall, breaking waves near Cape Hatteras. "We plan to stay out here until we get tired."

Although Gabrielle strengthened slightly Sunday morning, it was a weak tropical storm when its small center made landfall along the Cape Lookout National Seashore around 11:45 a.m. Forecasters expected Gabrielle's strongest winds and rainfall to reach the coast soon.

SOURCE: AP

College student from Idaho who disappeared a week ago remains missing

The father of Camille Cleverley's boyfriend says his son was put "through the mill" by police and took a lie-detector test. Cleverley, a native of Boise, Idaho, was last seen riding her bike in Provo, Utah, on Aug. 30.

Dick Sperry says his son, David Sperry, is the 22-year-old Brigham Young University student's boyfriend.

Dick Sperry said before the new school year started at BYU, Cleverley had spent the summer living with his family.

This afternoon, Provo police made a public plea for help finding any information on Cleverley and her missing bicycle.

Police chief Craig Geslison said, "We have a daughter, a sister, a friend that is missing. We have a community that cares. We want to find her"

Hundreds of volunteers have been looking for her in Provo Canyon and other rugged areas where Cleverley liked to ride. Police inspected a car wash Wednesday night, but it did not produce clues about her whereabouts.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

AT&T kicks off World's Loudest Pep Rally contest; schools compete for DMB concert

Dave Matthews Band and AT&T recently announced a World's Loudest Pep Rally contest where 118 colleges and universities will compete for Dave Matthews Band to play at their school for free the week of Nov. 12.

Fans will have the opportunity to send creative invitations to Dave Matthews Band through AT&T wireless text and video messaging and online at the AT&T blue room. The school that sends the most invites wins.

From Sept. 1 to Oct. 15, invitations may be submitted through wireless messages by texting "DMB" to 9-5-9. This option is only available to AT&T customers. All fans, regardless of service, may submit invitations online or by mail. Invitations may include essays, videos, photos or sound clips. Fifty invitations may be submitted by each person, each day.

The most creative invites in each category will win a flight for two and VIP tickets to the show.

The Commodores are scheduled to play the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, at Tennessee the weekend of Nov. 12.

SOURCE: AT&T

Q&A



TOM MCGILL

by ALLIE MORRIS

Tom McGill, the energetic and always entertaining owner and manager of the Vanderbilt Quiznos franchises, takes a minute to talk about how he got to Nashville and the joys of managing a campus restaurant.

THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER: Why did you choose to manage a Quiznos?

TOM MCGILL: Well, one day my friend from elementary school called me and asked if I wanted to open a Quiznos in Nashville. So I came out from California, and we searched for a spot. I went to Emory where the campus has lots of franchises. On my third trip to Nashville I came to Vanderbilt and there was no big franchise business on campus, so we opened in Towers. Since then we have opened four more Quiznos and two Maggie Moo's.

VH: What is the weirdest request you have gotten while working at Quiznos?

TM: A lot of the times I have been asked to take a girl on a date or to come to a party. And I would love to, but it's not very appropriate. But it's OK because on Friday and Saturday nights we have Club Quiznos that I just bought a new sound system for.

VH: If you were a Quiznos sub, which one would you be and why?

TM: I wouldn't be a turkey because I'm not turkey, maybe a little hammy, but I am not turkey. I would be an Italian because I have a Ferrari on my shelf. Plus, Italy's cool.

Teach for America stirs controversy, debate

Proponents believe campus leadership determines success.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Contributing Reporter

Teach for America might not inspire debate on many college campuses.

But here, where graduates join the program in high numbers and Peabody students and professors question its legitimacy, the program can be a hot-button issue.

The program "gets our nation's most promising future leaders and puts them where they can do some real good," said junior Jake Ramsey, a campus recruiter.

Teach for America has more than 3,600 members in its current corps, 14 of which are recent Vanderbilt graduates in their first year of teaching.

But only 2 percent of the education corps were education majors in their undergraduate career, leading some to believe corps members are well-intentioned but underqualified.

"There are some very gifted college graduates who can fairly quickly pick up what they need to begin teaching," said Marcy Singer-Gabella, an education professor.

"But I think the issue is that the teachers need to understand not only the subject matter they're going to teach, but they also have to have the ability to design learning experiences and to organize the subject matter in ways that make that subject matter accessible to

diverse groups of learners." However, proponents of the program argue that leadership on campus can be transferred to the classroom.

"If you are able to be a successful and competent leader in your college and extracurricular activities, you can be a leader in the classroom as a teacher," said senior Allie Federoff, also a campus recruiter.

Teach for America corps members undergo a five-week training camp that uses practice, observation, coaching and study to "develop the foundational knowledge, skills and mindsets needed to be highly effective beginning teachers," according to the program Web site.

And an independent survey of school principals reported in 2005 that 95 percent of principals called corps members' training at least as good as the training of other beginning teachers.

But some still wonder how much can be learned in a relatively short time.

"It takes time to dig into your subject matter deeply to understand the really important ideas, what it would look like from the learner's point of view, and how you might cultivate their understanding, and not just do it with one person, but do it with multiple kids," Singer-Gabella said. "It doesn't happen overnight — it's very difficult."

The brevity of the corps members' tenure also raises questions.

"It's problematic for (the corps) as individuals because they haven't learned how to teach yet, and the people they're serving need expert teachers," she said. "It's problematic for the system, because it doesn't move the system of education forward to have these people work temporarily, coming and going from jobs, and not seeking to help take on the changes that need to be made in the broader sense."

Statistics show only 23 percent of corps members continue to work at their original jobs after the required two years, but 63 percent do continue to teach or study education.

And, according to Ramsey, the program has a positive net impact on students.

"If we can move forward and provide all the children in this nation with equal opportunity in the field of education, we can end cycles of poverty that have been going on for a really long time," he said. ■

INFORMATION PRESENTATION

Where:
Student Life Center meeting rooms, downstairs

When:
Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Noted political critic to examine 'Why We Hate'

Gore Vidal to participate in first Project Dialogue event of year.

by JUDY WANG
Contributing Reporter

Political critic and author Gore Vidal will address the theme "Why We Hate" with Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo on Tuesday as part of the 2007-08 Project Dialogue series.

"No college campus is immune to the destructiveness of hate, and what Project Dialogue hopes to accomplish this year is stimulating numerous conversations as to the nature, source, purpose and meaning behind this most powerful human emotion," said the Rev. Gary White, chair of Project Dialogue.

Vidal brings "forthrightness and honesty in opinion and a refreshing quality of opinions supported by educated reflection," White said.

An intensely controversial figure, Vidal first shocked America with "The City and the Pillar," a 1948 novel that featured unambiguous homosexuality.

Vidal now serves on the advisory board of World

GORE VIDAL SPEECH

Where: Benton Chapel
When: Tuesday at 8 p.m.

Can't Wait, an organization that questions the competence of the Bush administration and demands his impeachment.

"He's skeptical, which is a necessary evil in today's political society," said Eliza Horn, a freshman political science major. "He keeps us active, aware and always on our toes about modern politics."

Wcislo said the event will be "an evening of ideas, provocations, intellectual heat, challenge."

"If people want to be challenged by ideas, especially ideas with which they don't agree, they should come, listen and question," he said. ■

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KOALA Week
September 24-30

is **RESPECT THE DECISION WEEK** when the Vanderbilt community acknowledges the need to respect a person's decision not to drink.

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UP TO 1.5 PAGES, DOUBLE SPACED
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Wednesday, Sept. 5, 7:00 p.m.
Sarratt Student Center, Rm. 110

Monday, Sept. 10, 4:00 p.m.
Sarratt Student Center, Rm. 116

Want to lead the way?

Be a Senior Class Fund Committee officer. Pick up an application at one of the info sessions or download it at www.vanderbilt.edu/seniorclassfund. Application deadline is Monday, Sept. 17.

Questions?

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September 11
6 p.m. in Furman 132

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OUR VIEW

Teach for America helps fill growing demand

While Teach for America members do not receive training anywhere near the length and depth of education majors, who can often be heard decrying the organization, it seems that anyone concerned with American education should appreciate it.

“While student enrollments are rising rapidly, more than a million veteran teachers are nearing retirement,” according to the National Education Association Web site. “Experts predict that overall we will need more than 2 million new teachers in the next decade.” They also state that the situation “has reached crisis proportions in some areas (and) is most acute in urban and

rural schools,” precisely the schools that Teach for America serves.

According to a 2006 Newsweek article, most Teach for America recruits “work in schools that would otherwise hire equally inexperienced teachers,” so it is not as if certified teachers are being replaced. And while retention is a concern, a 2004 study by Mathematica Policy Research Inc. concluded “there is no strong reason to presume that TFA teachers have an attrition rate higher than that of other teachers in the same schools.”

As Linda Darling-Hammond, a Stanford School of Education professor who does not consider the program a viable long-term solution,

conceded in Newsweek, “I would say (TFA) is a well-intentioned Band-Aid, and God knows we need Band-Aids when we’re bleeding.”

But the program may even be better than that. A 2005 survey conducted by an independent research firm found that 74 percent of school principals rated corps members as more effective than other beginning teachers.

As far as Band-Aids go, Teach for America has proven its value. And, given the state of education in this country, some of the best students from top universities should be welcomed if they are willing to help this situation — even temporarily.

COLUMN

Towers benefits freshmen

AIMEE SOBHANI
Guest Columnist

Imagine this nightmarish scenario: You open your housing assignment letter and see that unfortunately, you are one of the approximately 100 freshmen who did not receive a room in a first-year residence hall. As bleak as this fate may seem, there are actually innumerable benefits to living in Carmichael Towers instead of Kissam or Branscomb Quads.

One of the greatest aspects of Towers is, without a doubt, Quiznos. In addition to serving delicious sandwiches until 4 a.m., Quiznos is the only restaurant on campus that can brag about having a certified celebrity for a manager. Tom McGill is the star of a YouTube video that over 8,000 people have viewed.

“People just know me as Tom. I’m like Madonna,” McGill said.

Can the managers of Vandy/Barnard’s Nectar or Branscomb’s Rotiki make this claim? I think not.

While food is an integral part of any college experience, forging lasting relationships is important as well. The freshmen in Towers may find it more difficult to meet their fellow first-years, but we have the opportunity to form ties with upperclassmen.

“They’re making us feel welcome even though this isn’t a freshman dorm,” Shensi Frezel said.

What do upperclassmen have that could be useful to freshmen? One clear answer is transportation. Upperclassmen are more likely to have a car, so cozying up to a hallmate could result in wasting less money on exorbitant cab fees and making more trips to Target and other noteworthy destinations.

In addition, upperclassmen know everything about campus. They can give easy directions to any location, warn you about certain classes or professors, and inform you about various parties and other events.

Even if freshmen are a little wary about conversing with upperclassmen, they can still benefit from older students’ proximity. I personally have picked up many random facts from upperclassmen just by listening to their conversations in the laundry room or on the elevator.

As far as amenities are concerned, there is really no contest between Towers and the freshmen dorms. Towers has a well-equipped laundry room, which seems quite alluring, especially when compared to the four lone washers in Kissam Quad.

“Kissam is a horror story in general,” said junior Danielle Miller.

Did I mention that Towers has working elevators? These contraptions came in pretty handy during the move-in process when it was necessary to lug around colossal boxes and massive appliances. While it is true the first-year dorms do not exactly need elevators, they are still a nice perk on those days when you are just too lazy to walk up a couple of flights of stairs.

At 14 floors, Towers are impossible to miss. While they are not as centrally located as Branscomb, they loom over campus as a beacon of hope to lost freshmen. If I could not use the Towers as my guiding point, I would never find my way around campus.

Honestly, freshmen living in Towers do not suffer any more than our friends living in freshmen-only residence halls. We still have the same opportunities to participate in campus life. The only real disadvantage to living in Towers is perhaps an earlier manifestation of the dreaded “freshman 15” thanks to the delectability of Quiznos and the lack of staircase usage.

—Aimee Sobhani is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

SOUND BYTES Members of the community sound off on different issues pertaining to life both in and out of the bubble.

Why should Vanderbilt students care about tomorrow’s Nashville mayoral elections?

Despite the fact that we tend to see ourselves as living in a “Vanderbubble,” we have just as much an interest in and are just as much a part of the greater Nashville community as the longtime residents and workers in this great city. Local government provides the vast majority of tangible services to the citizen, from patching potholes on 25th Avenue to educating the next generation of potential Vanderbilt students.

Many Vanderbilt graduates choose to make Nashville the place where they find a career, raise a family and retire. Therefore, it is imperative that we take an interest now in electing forward-thinking leaders who will make our city (and yes, it is our city, just as much as it is a long-time Nashville natives’) a better place for future generations of Nashvillians.

Vanderbilt University, its students, its faculty and its staff lie at the heart of Nashville and Davidson County. We can and should make a difference in the future of our city, through involvement in the greater community, and especially through voting. ”

—David Rutledge, senior in the College of Arts and Science



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LETTER

Solomon perpetuates sexist stereotypes in ‘cretinous’ column

To the Editor:

As I opened the Sept. 5 issue of The Hustler, I was initially puzzled and intrigued by the title of Andrew Solomon’s article “Don’t let your beer emasculate you: Drink from a can or a mug.” As I continued reading, the content further puzzled me. Upon rumination, I am livid.

I was pleased to see two response articles in the Sept. 7 issue (“Manhood threatened by European style” and “Hustler drops standards with latest Solomon column”). Both of these articles were very well written and addressed two very important issues in Solomon’s article. However, I feel both of them danced around the central and most disturbing issue in the article. The sexism that runs rampant throughout Solomon’s article isn’t even implicit.

How dare he define “masculine,” especially in the progressive atmosphere of a university in what is already the most progressive and historically non-sexist of all eras? The very idea that boundaries should be set on my masculinity is offensive to me as a man; that the container in which my beer is served somehow affects my status as a man is cretinous and antithetical to my personal value and moral systems.

The mindset motivating Solomon’s article is exactly what modern feminists (both males and females alike) are fighting against. The only purpose that spewing such regressive, sexist stereotypes could possibly serve is to perpetuate such stereotypes and expectations, leading to the further subjugation of males by normative societal conventions. It is frustrating to see this as a person

trying so hard to tear down preconceived notions of what it means to be “masculine.”

Interestingly, Solomon says later in the article that “you should drink beer because you like it, not because you think it will impress people.” First of all, he here ignores the possibility that perhaps people enjoy Stella Artois. He denies the intelligent cognitive autonomy of individuals by simply assuming their decision was based solely on a self-conscious awareness of others’ perceptions of the individual. He is in effect stating that all opinions other than his are simultaneously wrong and not well thought out.

The quotation, more disturbingly, shows Solomon does not realize he is doing the same that he accuses Stella Artois of doing: namely, forcing people to be self-conscious in their choice of drink. He claims the only acceptable containers for beer are cans, bottles, Solo cups and glasses, deeming all others unacceptable and emasculating (his words are “you look like a pansy simply by sitting next to (beer not in one of these containers)”). He is trying to shame males into making choices based on others’ perceptions and not on personal preference, despite his claim to the contrary. I am outraged and embarrassed that such chauvinistic propaganda is coming from someone who shares my gender. I for one refuse to subscribe to his limiting, devaluing, sexist dogma.

Wade Wheatley
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Submitted in response to:
**"Troops deserve support despite feelings on war" by
 Vanderbilt College Democrats Vice President Arielle Maffei**

Ridiculous
 Submitted by *Haley Swenson* on Wed., 09/05/2007 - 18:15.

I thought the co-sponsorship was bad enough. But now College Dems are signing onto this falsehood that says our troops are dying in vain and have been sent to complete an impossible mission, somehow this means we don't wish for their safe and prompt return or "support" them? See, I wish for the troops' safe and prompt return BECAUSE they're dying in vain. I don't know how I can stress the former without expressing my belief in the latter. If there were both a cause worth the lives of my friends, family and neighbors involved here AND which any troops could reasonably hope to accomplish, why would I insist on their return? What would there be to oppose? The entire argument is just illogical, and now College Dems are as guilty of perpetuating this nonsense as anyone else on campus.

Furthermore, the relationship between the 9/11 attacks and the horrific loss of life in the Iraqi war implied in the promotion of this event and in this letter itself is wildly inappropriate. One has nothing to do with the other unless you believe the entire middle eastern region is guilty of the 9/11 attacks, and then delude yourself into believing any armed conflict, by virtue of taking place in the Middle East, has done something to right the wrongs perpetrated on 9/11. If this event is about 9/11, why aren't you all raising money for the families of those who died on 9/11? I have nothing against raising money to care for our troops in Iraq or in Afghanistan, especially considering how poorly they are being provided for by the federal government. But what is the purpose of doing so at a 9/11 memorial event?

The entire premise of the event falls right out of the illogical spin machine the Bush administration has generated so tirelessly for the past four years. I can't believe College Democrats have so carelessly fallen in line with this rhetoric. This is how you take a stand against the financial and human loss in Iraq? By attending a block party that reinforces falsehoods about the nature of this war and about the war's critics in order to give \$10 to an organization you can contribute to online any day of the week? Who needs war apologists when you've got an anti-war movement like this one?

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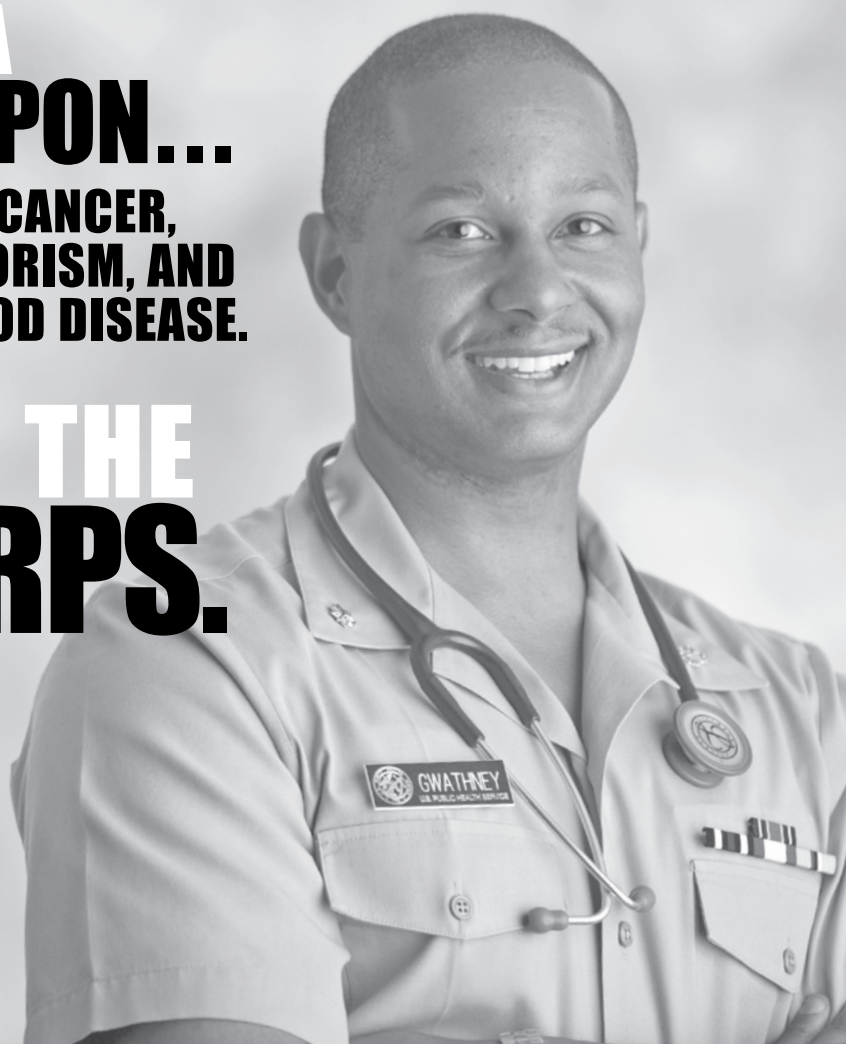


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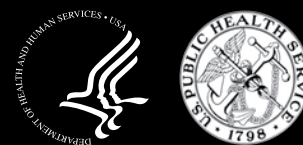


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Marcus Buggs

The senior linebacker was all over the field Saturday, recording eight tackles, including two for a loss, and a sack. Buggs also added two quarterback hurries. While the defense wore down in the second half, Buggs and company kept Vanderbilt in the game.

PLAY OF THE
GAME

With the Commodores trailing 10-3 in the first half, Alex Washington returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown. It would have tied the game and swung the momentum in Vandy's favor, but it was unfortunately called back due to an apparent facemask penalty.

STAT OF THE
GAME: 164

That's the difference in rushing yards. Alabama controlled the time of possession, gaining 221 yards on the ground on 48 carries. Vanderbilt, meanwhile, managed just 57 yards on 26 carries. Cassen Jackson-Garrison gained 25 of them on one play.

QUOTE OF
THE GAME

"They are who we thought they were. They didn't trick us or come out and surprise us with anything. It was more our fault that we lost that game."
—Linebacker Marcus Buggs, stealing a line from former Arizona Cardinals coach Denny Green

INJURY
UPDATE

Quarterback Chris Nickson injured his right hamstring midway through the first half. He struggled to plant off his back from then on, and after making one poor throw to start the second half, was replaced by Mackenzi Adams.

SEC EAST
STANDINGS

Florida	2-0
South Carolina	2-0
Kentucky	2-0
Tennessee	1-1
Georgia	1-1
Vanderbilt	1-1

WEEK 3
SCHEDULE

Vanderbilt vs. Ole Miss: Saturday (6 p.m.)

Florida vs. Tennessee: Saturday (2:30 p.m.)

Georgia vs. Western Carolina: Saturday (TBA)

Kentucky vs. Louisville: Saturday (6:30 p.m.)

South Carolina vs. South Carolina State: Saturday (6 p.m.)

Penalties turn tide in SEC opener

Vandy loses momentum after two calls, drops home contest to Bama.

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Bobby Johnson did not want to discuss the officiating following Vanderbilt's 24-10 home loss to Alabama Saturday afternoon.

"I couldn't afford the fine," he said.

Yet, the Commodore coach did it anyway.

As poorly as Vanderbilt played in front of a sellout crowd of 39,773 that featured far more crimson than gold, two calls changed the complexion of the contest.

On the first play of the game, quarterback Chris Nickson threw a 60-yard strike to wide receiver Earl Bennett. It was a great start for a team looking to make a statement in its Southeastern Conference opener, except Bennett was called for offensive pass interference.

"In my opinion, they were both jostling for the ball," Johnson said. "Of course, my opinion is not worth two cents."

Bennett, who finished with a modest four catches for 52 yards, agreed with his coach's take.

"It was definitely a momentum-changer for us," he said. "If we had made that, we feel like we



Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson was not pleased with the officiating in Saturday's 24-10 loss to Alabama, to say the least. Two penalties changed the complexion of the game.

would've gotten a little rhythm going early on in the game."

After the play was brought back, the Commodores went three-

and-out, and Alabama's Javier Arenas returned the ensuing punt 69 yards to the 1-yard line, where running back Terry Grant

punched it in. Just like that, Vanderbilt was down seven.

The Commodore offense spent the rest of the afternoon trying to get into a rhythm. With the exception of a fourth-quarter drive capped by Mackenzi Adams' 15-yard touchdown pass to George Smith, they never did.

Even with the offense sputtering, Vanderbilt appeared to tie the game at 10 when Alex Washington returned a punt 70 yards for a touchdown. But the play was called back due to a facemask penalty on the outside.

"I don't think they could have gotten any bigger," Johnson said of the two penalties. "(Nothing could) have had more of an impact on the game."

Still, the Commodores know they have no one to blame but themselves.

"Alabama did a good job of being physical and taking it to us in the first half, and we made too many first-half errors to have a chance to win this game," Johnson said. "We can't help the other team, and we certainly did."

As Vanderbilt shifts its attention to Ole Miss, the sting from Saturday's loss is still there.

"It definitely hurts," Bennett said. "We feel like we should've come out and won this game. We watched film all week, had a great game plan going into the game, and we just couldn't execute." ■

Defense fades as game drags on

by TIM ROBINSON
Sports Reporter

For the Vanderbilt defense, Saturday's 24-10 loss to Alabama was a tale of two halves.

The Commodores kept the Crimson Tide offense, particularly its rushing attack, in check for 30 minutes, but ran out of gas as the game dragged on.

"They basically wore us down in the second half," said coach Bobby Johnson. "They ran really well in the second half. I thought we did fair in the first half. They had a bunch of plays, a bunch more than we had. We had hoped to keep the ball longer ourselves."

Alabama scored on the first play of its opening drive, although the defense does not deserve blame. The score, a 1-yard touchdown run by redshirt freshman Terry Grant, was made possible by sophomore Javier Arenas' 69-yard punt return.

Both plays, particularly the return, would come to foreshadow the Commodores' primary defensive defect: the inability to tackle.

"(The fundamentals were) the most disappointing thing," Johnson said. "We missed some

tackles because we didn't lock up."

Arenas' march could have been halted at the Tide's own 30-yard line had the coverage team not missed the tackle.

"We had the guy," Johnson said. "We had him, and the next thing I know he's going down the sideline over there."

With the exception of Grant's 1-yard touchdown, the Commodore defense limited the Crimson Tide to just three first-half field goals. Some of the highlights included senior linebacker Marcus Buggs' sack of Alabama's John Parker Wilson on third down and junior safety Reshard Langford's one-handed interception.

While the offense sputtered throughout the first half, the defense held its own as the Tide rushed for a modest 87 yards on 23 carries.

The second half was different as Alabama rushed for 99 yards in the third quarter alone, including a 35-yard breakaway run by Grant. It was clear that the defense was exhausted, which is understandable since the offense failed to sustain long drives.

"When you ask your defense



Alabama's Javier Arenas eludes Vanderbilt's John Stokes during his 69-yard punt return, which set up the Crimson Tide's first touchdown in their 24-10 victory Saturday.

to keep running out there, that's tough on them," Johnson said.

The fourth quarter started with a 2-yard touchdown run by Grant, who waltzed his way into the end zone untouched, and was followed by a two-point conversion. Vanderbilt's stagnant offense finally found the end zone as well, but it was much too late.

The rain that fell in the

closing period might have been a convenient excuse for the Commodore defense had it come earlier, but, unfortunately, the team had no one to blame but themselves.

"We can't blame anything on our offense," Langford said. "We as a defense have experience and any loss is hard when you give 100 percent." ■



From the cheap seats

Given the Commodores' performance Saturday against the Crimson Tide, is it too early to hit the panic button? Three Vanderbilt Hustler reporters decide.

By WILL GIBBONS

Think about this for a second. The Crimson Tide hires Nick Saban, rejuvenating an absolutely rabid fan base, as well as a decent group of players, and it has a chance to show what they can do against somebody besides Western Carolina.

Alabama was raring to go, and Vanderbilt simply couldn't match them. The biggest knock on Chris Nickson has been consistency, and Saturday he didn't have it.

But is it time to panic? Not at all.

However, the Commodores do need to take care of Ole Miss next week. Nickson must work on his accuracy at practice this week, and the defense and special teams must work on tackling.

A sharper effort will be needed against Ole Miss, but there is no reason to believe that based on the character of this team, it can't happen.

By ALEKSEY DUBROVENSKY

Let's all take a collective deep breath and keep everything in perspective. Our starting quarterback was injured early on, and a few controversial calls stole our momentum against Alabama.

Our defense played well in stretches and has only given up 13 points a game this season, if you only count the times when the defense allowed them and not the special teams.

We should have Nickson back next week, and if we can do anything to play better punt and kick coverage, we still have at least five winnable games left on the schedule.

Admittedly, our margin for error remains rather slim, but if we can continue to improve and win the games we're favored in, then we still have a solid shot.

By JAMBU PALANIAPPAN

Absolutely. The Commodores looked intimidated and shaky Saturday against Alabama. Penalties, poor tackling and a myriad of inexcusable mistakes sent Vanderbilt crashing to a loss.

The result would not be an issue if Alabama beat the Dores by overwhelming our defense with a barrage of attacks, or if our game plan was not effective. Instead, we simply could not execute.

Against a mediocre SEC team at home, the Commodores were not able to play mistake-free football. That effort may merit a win against Richmond, but the quality of opponents in the SEC coupled with the Dores' complacency is a formula for disaster.

Next week represents a crossroads in the season. A win versus Ole Miss would provide a confidence boost going into the heart of the schedule. A loss would send the Dores into a downward spiral that is an all too common sight.

COLUMN

Vandy
uses its
mulligan

JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

Quarterback Chris Nickson didn't see Saturday coming.

"It's a game that you look at and say, 'That should never happen again,'" said the second-year starter following the Commodores' brutal 24-10 home loss to Alabama.

"I've had my hard games and I've had this experience before. I just wasn't expecting to go through it again."

Nobody was.

That's why fans of the black and gold left Vanderbilt Stadium wet, early and disappointed. The reason for frustration is not because the Commodores lost as much as it is the way they went about doing it.

From missed tackles to special teams' breakdowns to a number of poorly thrown passes, the preseason "sleeper team" in the SEC looked, well, asleep. In a game as big as Saturday's, there is no excuse. (There is also no excuse for the dance line's red outfits, but let's not get into that.)

Vanderbilt, which has not beaten Alabama at home since 1969, just missed the best opportunity it will have for a long time (or at least until Saban decides to switch jobs again) to knock off the Crimson Tide.

Alabama is good, but far from great. It certainly isn't much better than the Commodores, who say they are the most talented and athletic team in coach Bobby Johnson's tenure.

"They are who we thought they were," said senior linebacker Marcus Buggs, doing his best Denny Green impression. "They didn't trick us or come out and surprise us with anything. It was more our fault that we lost that game."

It's hard to disagree. But, there is nothing the Commodores can do to change that now. All they can do is work even harder this week to prepare for Ole Miss, a team they must beat if they want to have the type of season they've been predicting.

"We will bounce back," said junior safety Reshard Langford. "We've got to treat a game like it's a play. You make a mistake one play, you can't dwell on it."

Langford also responded to all the haters who used Saturday's performance to make the claim that despite all of the hype surrounding this year's squad, it's still the same old Vandy.

"We're not the same old Vanderbilt," he said. "There is no such thing as the same old Vanderbilt. We're trying to get better every year and we go out and work hard just like everyone else."

Nickson, who said his injured right hamstring should be fine against the Rebels, agrees.

"The character of this team is completely changed," he said. "We're a whole different team. Bad things are gonna happen and some people are gonna jump off the boat. But we're a good team. We have a great coaching staff and we have great character. And when you have character you can bounce back from anything."

We will give Nickson and the rest of the Commodores the benefit of the doubt for now. It is a long season and every team deserves a mulligan.

But if Vanderbilt doesn't back up its word and defeat Ole Miss next weekend, it would be hard to blame anyone for abandoning ship. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by Jonathan Kurzner

After the way Vanderbilt played Saturday against Alabama, it is no surprise that it did not fare well in its weekly report card. It will have to practice hard to improve next week's grades.

D- QUARTERBACKS

Chris Nickson (5-18, 67 yds, 1 INT) was terribly inaccurate and inconsistent in the first half, even if his hamstring injury late in the first quarter did have something to do with it. Nickson's air-mailing of a pass on fourth-and-2 in first half was especially disconcerting. Mackenzi Adams (13-23, 108 yds., 1 TD) could not lead the Doers down the field in the third quarter, although he threw one TD in garbage time.

C RUNNING BACKS

Jeff Jennings and Cassen Jackson-Garrison were both non-factors as the Doers, who trailed the whole way, were forced to put the ball in the air.

C WIDE RECEIVERS

Bama contained All-American Earl Bennett (4 receptions for 52 yds.) and the rest of the Vandy receiving corps.

D OFFENSIVE LINE

Pass protection was very poor. The Tide defense forced the Vandy QBs to make many hurried throws. This veteran group must also do a better job opening holes for the running game so the Doers can increase their time of possession and take some pressure off the overworked defense.

C+ DEFENSIVE LINE

Some pressure on Alabama QB John David Wilson, but they could not clog the running lanes.

C- LINEBACKERS

Alabama RB Terry Grant (24-173, 2 TD) carved through the linebackers, constantly getting into the Vandy secondary, although Marcus Buggs was all over the field.

B DEFENSIVE BACKS

The Vandy secondary did limit Wilson to a 50 percent completion percentage (14-28, 150 yds.). D.J. Moore recorded 12 tackles and was strong in pass coverage, as was Myron Lewis. Safety Reshard Langford's impressive interception could have turned around the game's momentum.

F SPECIAL TEAMS

Vandy's punt coverage team could not tackle as Bama's Javier Arenas' 69-yard punt return set the tone early. A penalty erased Vandy PR Alex Washington's return for touchdown. Bryant Hahnfeldt hit on his only attempt, a 33-yard try.

D COACHING

Bobby Johnson's staff must work on limiting penalties this week. They also made a questionable decision to throw a long lob to a covered Earl Bennett on a third-and-1 late in the first half.

Dennis leads Doers in rout of Tech

HUSTLER STAFF REPORT

For the soccer team, it felt good to be home.

Senior Sarah Dennis scored three goals as the Commodores (2-1-1) defeated Tennessee Tech 6-0 in their home opener Sunday at the soccer complex.

Vanderbilt held a 33-8 shot advantage, and the defense notched its third shutout of the young season, allowing just one shot on goal.

"Today was a great step in getting better," said coach Ronnie Coveleskie. "Every player on the roster played. We had quality minutes, and I saw some really good things."

Freshman Molly Kinsella put the Commodores on the board early, scoring off a cross assist from Megan Forester.

"It's good to finally get one under my belt," Kinsella said. "We worked on our offense in practice, and that was our goal today, to try and score as many goals as we could."

Dennis followed with her first goal at the 14:45 mark off an assist from Taylour Claxton to make it 2-0. Senior Amy Baumann scored her first goal of the season at the 21:14 mark off of assists from Molly Kinsella and Forester to give Vanderbilt a 3-0 lead at halftime.

"We needed a little confidence booster today and tried to score as much as possible and remind ourselves that we can score,"



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The Commodores improved to 2-1-1 on the young season after defeating Tennessee Tech 6-0 in their home opener Sunday at the VU Soccer Complex.

Baumann said.

The Commodores did not let up in the second as Dennis scored her second and third goals of the game at the 54:27 and 57:20 mark, respectively. Forester then closed out the scoring at the 66:45 mark with a rocket shot past the Tech goalkeeper from 20 yards out.

"Goal-scoring is a mentality," Coveleskie said. "I think we have always worked hard and

no matter what happened during the match I have never stepped off the field thinking that we didn't hustle. We have focused on being more aggressive offensively this year, and I think it is starting to pay off."

The match was called at the 83:46 mark due to persistent rain and lightning in the area. The Commodores will be back in action next weekend as they host Gonzaga on Friday and Saint Mary's on Sunday. ■



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 23 Hindered
 27 Actress Sandra
 28 Farm enclosure
 30 Traffic tie-ups
 35 Before, poetically
 36 Snooze
 38 Dream time
 39 Jazz phrase
 41 Branchlet
 43 Vesuvian flow
 44 Not active
 46 Places
 48 RPM part
 49 Antenna
 51 Harry and Norma
 53 Distress signal
 55 Countersign
 56 Woodland heights?
 61 Classifieds
 62 Does certain caretaking
 64 Consumed
 68 Seniors' org.
 69 U.S. border lake
 70 Type of drum
 71 QB Aikman
 72 ilk
 73 Tarnish

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 1 Mach+ plane
 2 Little piggy
 3 Gasteayer of "SNL"
 4 Make secure
 5 Fender and others
 6 Yule wood
 7 Pitcher parts
 8 Charger
 9 Disgraces
 10 Finds the sum of
 11 Annoying child

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- 56 Be ___ as it may...
 57 Laugh boisterously
 58 New Greek coin
 59 Catch a glimpse of
 60 Move, emotionally
 63 Harden
 65 Mai ___ cocktail
 66 Sea eagle
 67 Bottom line figure

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