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TODAY
Words and Woods
Biology lecturer Steve Baskauf will lead the Words and Woods group on a tour of the Vanderbilt Arboretum and discuss the process of designing the online tree tour. The walking tour will leave from Alumni Hall, Room 117 at 11:30 a.m.

TODAY
Engineers abroad
Engineering students can learn about different study abroad programs available to them and how study abroad can be a part of the engineering undergraduate experience from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in Stevenson 5326.

TODAY
China Institute information session
The China Institute seeks to provide an opportunity to interact and discuss China's hurdles, opportunities and prospects while making long-term and significant connections. Students are invited to attend an information session at 9 p.m. in Furman Hall, Room 114.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18
Blair Signature Series
Solo guitarist John Johns will perform a free concert in Ingram Hall from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Music will come from the 17th through 20th centuries with works by Frescobaldi, Bach, Granados and de Falla.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
Blanket drive
The Rec's blanket drive will end Friday. Once all the blankets are collected, the group will donate them to a local mission. Students can drop blankets off at the Rec.

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



Seniors enrolled in lifelong learning program enjoy stress-free atmosphere.

by GLENNA DeROY
Editor-in-Chief

Imagine college minus the cramming. "You're self-motivated; you're doing it simply because you want to do it, and there's no ulterior motive," said retiree Charles Hambrick after leaving an early morning lifelong learning class. "You aren't interested in getting a job or increasing your salary. You don't have homework; you don't have assignments." More than 400 seniors will participate in the fall 2007 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Vanderbilt, an academic community outreach program that brings older adults together for a variety of non-credit courses taught by university faculty. The classes aim to stimulate engagement with the material and enhance students' mental agility, said director Norma Clippard. "It is our No. 1 goal that the curricula stay very academic and that we offer things that the senior citizen centers don't," she said. "Those things are wonderful and important, but these are very academic."

But political science professor John Geer said students are not the only ones to benefit from the program. "What I get out of it is obviously interacting with a whole different set of people," he said. The professors gain a lot from the life experiences of their older students, and they add to the discussion in ways undergraduate students cannot. "When I talk about the 1952 election and Eisenhower, they know the name. They know what Eisenhower looks like. They went through Eisenhower's presidency." Student Dorothy Lesch said she immediately noticed the differences between undergraduate learning and lifelong learning. "You don't have any tests to study for; there are

no books to read unless you want to," she said. "You come for the enjoyment of it." This stress-free opportunity for study encourages students to learn from each other as well as the professor, Geer said. "Obviously, the retirement learning folks aren't facing any exams," he said, laughing. "At least, I've never given them one." ■



Seniors in the lifelong learning program listen attentively to political science professor John Geer. SARA GAST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

—To hear from lifelong learning participants, watch the video on:



Green university initiatives increase student recycling on campus



Sophomore Jordan Alvis drops off a plastic bottle in the recycling area at The Commons Dining Center Tuesday during lunch. SARA GAST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

by SYDNEY WILMER
Asst News Editor
Two months into the school year, recycling efforts on the new, green campus have picked up speed. "Student recycling, at least in the residence halls has increased somewhere between a third and 50 percent," said Mark Petty, assistant vice chancellor for plant operations. The university has become much more friendly toward environmental efforts this year, said Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling Co-President Brent Fitzgerald, noting that Vanderbilt has both

coordinator and a part-time recycling coordinator. "It's fun being the underdog for a while, but it's nice to finally be in the 'in' now," he said. This has meant more acceptance of the recycling cause in general, Fitzgerald said, adding that SPEAR has seen an increased need for receptacle pick-up this year. "When we made the decision to appoint a recycling coordinator, it was an institutional embracing of the idea that recycling is one of the core functions of what we do," Petty said. "Like electricity, it is not a debate, it's how will we do it." Please see **RECYCLING**, page 4

Fast action saves life, prevents meningitis crisis

Another case unlikely.

by ADAM WEINSTEIN
Staff Reporter

Fast action may have saved the life of the student being treated for meningococcal bacterial meningitis, said Dr. Louise Hanson, medical director of the Zerfoss Student Health Center. Senior Sung Kim, a resident of Carmichael Towers 4, was taken to the Vanderbilt Emergency Department Monday around 1 a.m. after she experienced a severe headache and high fever. "Part of the reason that this current patient has done so well is that her friends really took action quickly," Hanson said. "They recognized their friend was sick, and they didn't blow it off. They went back and checked on her and called an ambulance, and they probably saved her life." Parul Saxena, Kim's roommate, took initiative when she saw how sick Kim was. "I was studying downstairs in Towers. When I came upstairs, I saw that she was sick and called the ambulance," Saxena said. Vanderbilt rarely experiences cases of meningitis. "This is only the third case of meningitis on campus in 10 years," Hanson said. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention defines meningitis as an infection of the fluid of a person's spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain. The rapid progression of the disease makes it particularly dangerous. "This is one of the diseases that doctors fear, and it is very often a life-threatening or life-changing infection," Hanson said. "If you ignore it, for sure, you're going to die." Thankfully, according to Dr. William Schaffner, professor and chairman of the Department of Preventive Medicine, it appears the quick action taken by Kim and her friends may have made a big difference in stopping the possible spread of this disease. "The danger to the students on campus is minimal," Schaffner said. "(But) we always treat every case of this sort of meningitis very seriously. That's why Dr. Hanson initiated (contacting the student body) — to get people who had very close contact with patient in and to give them an antibiotic. "It would be very unusual in light of how prompt the response was for there to be another case." Kim's friends said they are just happy she is recovering. "I'm glad it worked out well," Saxena said. "It was really scary seeing her like that. She was in a lot of pain. You hear 'meningitis,' and you don't think it's a big deal until you actually go through it. "Now that I know the symptoms, I guess I'll just be really vigilant." ■

—Lisa Guo contributed reporting to this article.

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compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

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A person was served with outstanding warrants at 1211 Medical Center Drive.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Putin warns U.S. against attacking Iran

Russian leader Vladimir Putin met his Iranian counterpart Tuesday and implicitly warned the U.S. not to use a former Soviet republic to stage an attack on Iran. He also said countries bordering the Caspian Sea must jointly back any oil pipeline projects in the region.

At a summit of the five nations that border the inland Caspian Sea, Putin said none of the nations' territory should be used by any outside countries for use of military force against any nation in the region. It was a clear reference to long-standing rumors that the U.S. was planning to use Azerbaijan, a former Soviet republic, as a staging ground for any possible military action against Iran. "We are saying that no Caspian nation should offer its territory to third powers for use of force or military aggression against any Caspian state," Putin said.

SOURCE: AP

Turkey says Iraq incursion not immediate

Turkey's premier indicated Tuesday that an offensive against Kurdish rebels based in northern Iraq would not immediately follow the expected go-ahead from Parliament, as oil prices soared amid international calls for restraint.

The Iraqi government urged Turkey not to send troops across the border to pursue separatist Kurds in mountain hideouts, calling for "a diplomatic solution" to tensions that have raised fears of a new front in the Iraq war.

Tareq al-Hashemi, one of Iraq's two vice presidents, flew to Ankara and met with Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and other Turkish officials before a Parliament vote Wednesday that is widely expected to authorize cross-border attacks during the next year.

"The passage of the motion in Parliament does not mean that an operation will be carried out at once," Erdogan said. "Turkey would act with common sense and determination when necessary and when the time is ripe."

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Lawmakers seek U.S. action in 'Jena 6' case

Democratic lawmakers denounced federal authorities Tuesday for not intervening in the "Jena 6" case, citing racist noose-hanging incidents far beyond the small Louisiana town where a school attack garnered national attention.

The House Judiciary Committee held a hearing with federal officials and community activists examining the case of the six black teenagers charged with the beating of a white student. The incident happened after nooses were hung from a tree on a high school campus there — a symbol of the lynching violence of the segregation era.

Democratic lawmakers, many of them black, blasted federal authorities for staying out of the local prosecutor's case against the six, particularly that of Mychal Bell, who is currently in jail after a judge decided he violated the terms of his probation for a previous conviction.

SOURCE: AP

Student suspended from university after suffering flashback in class

A student at Eastern Illinois University, who has post-traumatic stress disorder, was sentenced to a yearlong suspension by the university judicial board after suffering a flashback during class that led her to shout and sob uncontrollably.

"Since we're in such a rural area and some of our services are limited, we realize this may not be the best environment to really serve all students and we also recognize that sometimes a student may not be good in this environment for other students," said Heather Webb, director of judicial affairs at the university.

Jill Manges experiences such severe flashbacks — which she describes as akin to reliving a traumatizing event — once every two weeks or so, a result of the sexual abuse she experienced from 1999 through 2000, when someone she knew not only abused her but also collected money from other men who did the same.

After a hearing Sept. 13, Manges says she learned of the yearlong suspension and her option to accept a medical withdrawal. She chose the latter so her family could get her tuition money back. Because of that, she said, she cannot appeal the judicial board's decision.

SOURCE: INSIDE HIGHER ED

CAMPUS

Blair professor composes score for film

Blair professor Paul Deakin wrote the musical score for the film "Kilowatt Ours," which will premier Oct. 26 at 6 p.m. at The Belcourt Theatre.

Deakin said he was approached last fall about doing a score for this version of film. In it filmmaker Jeff Barrie explores environmental and energy-conservation issues ranging from the coalmines of West Virginia to solar panel fields in Florida.

The film discusses ways to address the energy problem in America, Deakin explained, saying his score reflects that as well.

"I absolutely took the themes into consideration, so the music reflects that. It is primarily an electronic score to suggest power and electricity," he said.

Although he has "written about half a dozen scores," this is the first one he has done for a nationwide film, Deakin said.

"I play a small part in the film," he said. "It is an amazing movie, and it will make a lot of people care about energy in America."

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compiled by LISA GUO

QUESTION:

Where do the sculptures on campus come from?

ANSWER:

The five large sculptures on campus, by sculptor and Nashville resident Steve Benneyworth, are part of a public art exhibit supported by the Sarratt Visual Arts Committee. The pieces "recall minimalist and formalist sculptors of the '60s and '70s," critics have stated. They combine art and science and use raw industrial materials that illustrate tension, mass, volume, and relationship to each other and to the campus environment.

The sculptures are located near Buttrick Hall (pictured at right), on Library Lawn, near Featheringill Hall, near the Zerfoss Student Health Center and near the Student Life Center.

The smaller bronze statues around campus were designed by the Newington-Cropsey Foundation, a non-profit organization located in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y., devoted to the collection, study and exhibition of paintings by 19th century Hudson River School artists.



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SNAPSHOT

BAKING FOR BREAST CANCER



ALEX HOLMES / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Seniors Michele Equinda, Laura Kim and Julia Laughlin bake cookies to hand out on the Wall today for Kappa Delta's and Alpha Delta Pi's joint effort to spread breast cancer awareness. The efforts conclude with a charity fundraiser on Nov. 7.

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RECYCLING: Students cite need for more recycling bins in dorms

From **RECYCLING**, page 1

Though generally happy with participation, Fitzgerald said he would like to see still more on-campus recycling.

"Currently 50 percent of recyclable materials are being recycled on campus," he said. "I'd like to see 100 percent one day."

The shortage of receptacles in some residence halls poses a problem, he said. Carmichael Towers has just six receptacles for its residents, though Gillette Hall has five.

This illustrates the ways in which the program needs to grow, Fitzgerald said, as there are many more students in Towers than in Gillette — "hundreds versus thousands."

Clay Giese, SPEAR co-vice president and head of residential recycling, also said it seems more students recycle due to an increase of bins on campus.

That development can be credited to Recycling Coordinator Jennifer Hackett, said Sustainability Coordinator Andrea George.

"She is responsible for all the brown recycling receptacles throughout campus," George said.

"I think having been on campus definitely helps recycling," said junior Nick Lee. "In the last year and a half I feel like there is more awareness overall on campus." ■

Election Alliance announces Iowa caucus trip in January

Many opportunities available for student involvement on trip, subcommittees.

by **KELLY SWOPE**
Staff Reporter

For some students, the upcoming winter break will be "primarily" about presidential politics.

A travel experience planned by Election Alliance '08 will take students to the Iowa caucus in early January.

Election Alliance '08 aims to network students, bringing together representatives from various political groups and publications on campus to create a politically informed campus.

Designed to engage its participants in electoral politics, the trip will allow students to volunteer on a campaign, attend speeches and rallies, and observe national media events for candidates of both parties.

Lilly Massa, program coordinator of the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, said she hopes the

program will interest politically minded students.

"If you are interested in politics, this is the place to be," she said.

The program aims to heighten awareness and student interest in the upcoming primary season as well as stimulate political dialogue on campus.

"We are just looking for students that really want to see this up close and personal," Massa said.

Interested students must complete an application by Nov. 16. Travel plans will adjust to encompass both political parties' plans. The Republican caucus will be held Jan. 3, and the Democratic caucus will be held either Jan. 3 or 5.

Students will have the opportunity to pursue an extended public service over winter break, which provides the option of working on a campaign in Des Moines for several days before students from the regular program arrive from

Nashville.

Students would need to provide their own transportation to Des Moines for the extended service, but housing and a food stipend will be provided, Massa said.

Spencer Montalvo, chair of the Iowa Caucus Rolling Seminar Subcommittee, said he believes this primary season is crucial for the future of American politics. Montalvo works as a copy editor for The Vanderbilt Hustler.

"The time we will spend there will be taxing, but it is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to volunteer on a historic campaign," he said. ■

—To listen to Lilly Massa discuss the trip and Election Alliance '08's goals, go to:



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Divinity conference explores social responsibility through religion

Project part of larger collaboration between Divinity, other schools.

by **EVE ATTERMANN**
Asst News Editor

How do religions impact poverty and free market economies?

The Center for the Study of Religion and Culture takes up this question in a conference held as part of its Religion and Economy project.

"It's a historical question: How have religious communities related to poverty, particularly in the Christian and Jewish tradition?" said Douglas Meeks, associate professor of economics and professor of theology.

"An unregulated market over time destroys community and creates poverty," he said. "Not everything should be a commodity, especially things necessary for life, when dealing with people who have nothing to exchange."

The interdisciplinary conference represents the desire for the Divinity School to work with different schools on campus on issues of ethics and social responsibility, Meeks said.

He expects a varied group of students at the conference, he said, reflective of the diverse enrollment in his "God, Economy and Poverty" course, which brings together students who study law, business, education, international studies and religious studies.

"We like to form partnerships with different schools," Meeks said. "It's the most exciting thing that's happened in my time here — professional schools working together for the common good."

Daniel Cornfield, a professor of sociology and director of the Center of Nashville Studies, said many noted thinkers, including Max Weber, Emile Durkheim and Karl Marx, historically have disputed the interplay between religion and the economy.

"There is tension," he said. "Can religion humanize capitalism and help create better society or does it merely seem to reproduce deep inequalities associated with unbridled free market capitalism?"

Kyle Galbraith, a third-year doctoral candidate in religious studies, will attend the conference and said

he thought similarly.

"Most free market capitalists think that the market is a morally neutral zone, but the goal of this conference is to show that its transactions are laden with issues of morality and ethics," Galbraith said. ■

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

"Moral Agency of the Poor and the Well-Connected: Framing an Agenda for Addressing Global Poverty"

Where: Buttrick Hall, Room 101
When: Today at 4 p.m.

"God, Economy and Poverty": A public panel discussion

Where: Wilson Hall, Room 103
When: Today at 7 p.m.

Some legal immigrants unable to get licenses under new law

Many struggle to find additional documentation.

Associated Press

The state law enacted Oct. 1 to provide temporary IDs or driver's licenses for legal immigrants has caused problems for some of them.

Advocates for immigrants contend the change in the law keeps many of those who are in the country legally from obtaining a driver's license. They say the Department of Safety is not considering all documents that may determine legal status.

"Immigration law is much more complex than what (officials at the Department of Safety) think," said immigration lawyer Terry Olsen of Chattanooga, Tenn.

He said there are many categories under which a person could be in the country legally that the new law does not consider.

Katharine M. Donato, a sociology professor at Vanderbilt, said she believes the law creates issues.

"The (problem) is that it doesn't acknowledge the many people who need to drive and are not authorized to be in the United States," Donato said. "The law as it's written is also

problematic because the law leaves out those persons who are here for one year or less."

Charla Haas, an immigration attorney in Nashville, agrees, saying the one-year requirement hurts legal immigrants who have employment authorization cards, which are only issued for one year at a time.

Nashville resident Ela Naemry, originally from Jordan, has been married to a U.S. citizen for three years and is still waiting to receive his permanent resident card, known as a green card.

Naemry said he went to renew his driver's license last week but was told it could not be reissued under the new law because his work permit expires in less than a year.

"I've been waiting for my green card for almost a year, and (the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services does not) know when I'm going to receive it," he said. "Meanwhile, I can't drive because my work permit is always issued for one year."

Caroline Walker, supervisor of driver testing centers in Chattanooga, said she has seen similar frustration from those who are unable to qualify for a temporary driver's license.

"They were very upset when we told them, but there's nothing we can do. We are just following the law," Walker said. "I think we're going to start having more people once



Eduardo Martinez, right, stands in line at the Drivers Testing Center on Bonny Oaks Drive in Chattanooga, Tenn., last Wednesday to try to obtain a Tennessee identification license. A new Tennessee law requires people with temporary legal status to provide documents that will be valid for one year before their expiration date in order to receive a temporary driver's or identification license.

their certificates for driving start expiring because a lot of them don't know about the temporary licenses."

Laura McPherson, spokesperson for the Tennessee Department of Safety, said the state was told that legal immigrants "would typically

have other documentation in addition to the employment authorization cards."

Other forms of acceptable documentation include proof of U.S. citizenship, approvals for a multi-year stay from USCIS, a lawful permanent residence and a Social Security number,

she said. Eduardo Martinez, who lives legally in the United States, has been unable to get a Tennessee ID card since moving from Illinois.

"I thought I needed to present the same documents I presented in Chicago," Martinez

said. "Now I don't know what I'm going to do, since I need some sort of identification for my job and my housing." ■

—Lauren Redmond
contributed reporting to this article.

JOHN RAWLSTON / AP

Home-schoolers adjust easily to campus life

by REBECCA TYRRELL
Asst News Editor

As the home-schooling movement edges toward the mainstream, its students are applying in greater numbers to colleges across the nation, with some colleges considering them an attractive niche market.

Vanderbilt does not actively target home-schooled students but views them as a crucial component of its institutional commitment to diversity.

"We want to understand each student, and in the broadest sense, home-schooled students bring a different experience," said Dean of Admissions Doug Christiansen. "That's what diversity is all about, whether it's ethnic, gender, geographic or some other type of diversity."

Sophomore Jonathan DeGracia, who was home-schooled from second grade through high school, agreed.

"College is about individuality," DeGracia said. "Everyone is coming here on a new foot and can reinvent themselves."

Though the numbers are hard to come by, the U.S. Department of Education estimates the home-schooled population numbers greater than 1 million, or about 2 percent of the school-age population.

The motivations for home schooling vary. DeGracia said his parents elected to home school him and his brother because they were not satisfied with the grades they were getting and wanted them to focus on academics.

"Every home-schooling family does things differently," DeGracia said. "Some hire tutors, others only home school up to middle school or high school. My family is very faith-based, so the whole idea was to focus on the home and prevent negative outside influences."

Whatever the reason, the number of home-schooled students is increasing.

"We are seeing more and more home-school files, but we don't track them in any special way," said Christiansen, who is also associate provost for enrollment. "Bright students come from many different backgrounds, so we take the context and build on that."

Thousands of home-schooled students are in college, and according to a 2004 study by the National Association for College Admission Counseling, 85 percent



SARA GAST / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Sophomore Jonathan DeGracia, who was home schooled through high school, studies in his room in McGill Hall.

of colleges have written policies to evaluate home-schooled candidates.

Vanderbilt uses a holistic admissions process and does not distinguish home-schooled students from other students but instead requires a home-school supplement to the common application in order to develop a high school profile and better understand the candidates.

"It's not an extra look at a student," Christiansen said. "Home-schoolers do very well just like all others applying here, but we want to make sure every student is looked at the same and that we understand the curriculum they received."

Home-schooled students go through the same application process. Each student, whether international, home-schooled, or from a public or private high school must submit a transcript, test scores, three recommendation letters, the general application, essays and extracurricular involvement.

DeGracia worked with an academic adviser who wrote curriculum and helped with the college admissions process.

"My adviser was very influential and encouraged me to look at competitive schools outside my area," he said. "Vanderbilt did a good job of recruiting me because they treated me just as they

treated everyone else."

Independent college consultants abound, and there are a host of home-schooling guides offering advice on compiling transcripts and highlighting the strengths of a home-school education.

For many, the main hurdle for college admissions centers around convincing the admissions office they have the social smarts to get along with their traditionally educated peers.

Senior Jennifer Compton was able to expand her social experience by entering private school after being home-schooled from first through sixth grade.

"I started school at the right time," Compton said. "I think it puts you at an advantage socially."

DeGracia said his primary regret about home schooling was the lack of socialization he received, but he does not believe he fits the stereotype of home-schooled students.

"Because the situation I was in allowed me to have classes with other students in high school, I had a lot of friends, but I didn't have the opportunity to deal with a lot of the social dynamics that would've made it easier here, though overall the transition did not affect me much." ■

Students feel pressure from recording industry

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter

Music City does not provide residents its product for free — legally, that is.

Vanderbilt students received 118 notices of Digital Millennium Copyright Act violations last month.

"It appears that the RIAA is looking closely at Vanderbilt, based on the numbers," said Bridget Golden, assistant director of the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity. "We think that a closer microscope is being placed on Vanderbilt because of our position in Music City."

Vice Chancellor of Public Affairs Mike Schoenfeld said he could not confirm whether there are more students downloading illegally here than at other universities but said Vanderbilt's location makes this an important issue.

"Nashville's place as a center of the music industry and home to thousands of songwriters means that Vanderbilt will get closer scrutiny than schools in other cities," Schoenfeld said. "The impact of illegal file-sharing on the music industry can be seen literally across the street from the campus."

According to Cary Sherman, president of the Recording Industry Association of America, the simple excuse of not knowing the repercussions of illegal downloading will no longer excuse student actions.

"Today, virtually no one, particularly technology savvy students, can claim not to know that the online sharing of copyrighted music, movies, software and other works is illegal," Sherman said in a press release.

But illegal downloading has not stopped, nor has it been

effectively slowed.

About 25 students here have received disciplinary sanctions from the Office of Student Conduct since the beginning of the school year, Golden said.

And the RIAA sued several Vanderbilt students last spring in order to end illegal file sharing.

"We know that Vanderbilt students are smart enough to realize that downloading copyrighted material without paying for it is theft," Schoenfeld said. "However, like most crimes that occur in broad daylight, students (continue to do so) because they don't believe they will be caught."

Legal obligations require the university to report names to the RIAA, Golden said.

The minimum RIAA fine is \$750 per illegal download, but students can settle these cases with a smaller lump fee. The Vanderbilt students all chose to settle for a sum of \$3,000.

The university does not advise students on whether to accept or defer the settlement, said Daniel Swinton, interim director of the Office of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

Sophomore Maggie Johnson said she thinks the fines are steep but necessary.

"I think the fines are really high, but they sort of have to be," she said. "People download illegally all the time and don't even think about it." ■

—Lisa Guo contributed reporting to this article.

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OUR VIEW

Vanderbilt does good despite low ranking

There exists a college ranking system on which Vanderbilt University does not make the top 20, but it does not garner as much attention as the annual U.S. News & World Report rankings or even as much as Playboy's list of party schools. It is Washington Monthly's annual college rankings, and Vanderbilt comes in at a relatively unimpressive 39th. This system is different, though. Instead of ranking the "best" schools, Washington Monthly rates universities based on how much they do for the country.

The low ranking needs not cause concern, however. The Washington Monthly's methodology seems bizarre, to say the least. For example,

student involvement in the Peace Corps and ROTC carries a lot of weight in determining a school's dedication to service. While both are excellent programs, they are not the be-all and end-all of community impact. Alternative Spring Break, Vanderbilt Students Volunteering for Science, Vanderbuddies and many other extremely popular service programs have no representation in this system.

The rankings also place a great deal of value on the number of students receiving Pell Grants, which, the magazine's editors write, "(indicates) a school's commitment to educating lower-income kids." But since Vanderbilt admissions are need blind, the

university's commitment to extending a top-rate education regardless of socioeconomic background arguably surpasses even the government standards that regulate the allocation of Pell Grants. In addition, the rankings do not take into consideration involvement with organizations such as The Posse Foundation, which debuted at Vanderbilt in 1989.

Ultimately, though we would prefer to be ranked higher, there are several ways Vanderbilt contributes to society that are not considered in these rankings. It is no wonder Vanderbilt made the U.S. News & World Report list of service-learning programs to watch.

LETTER

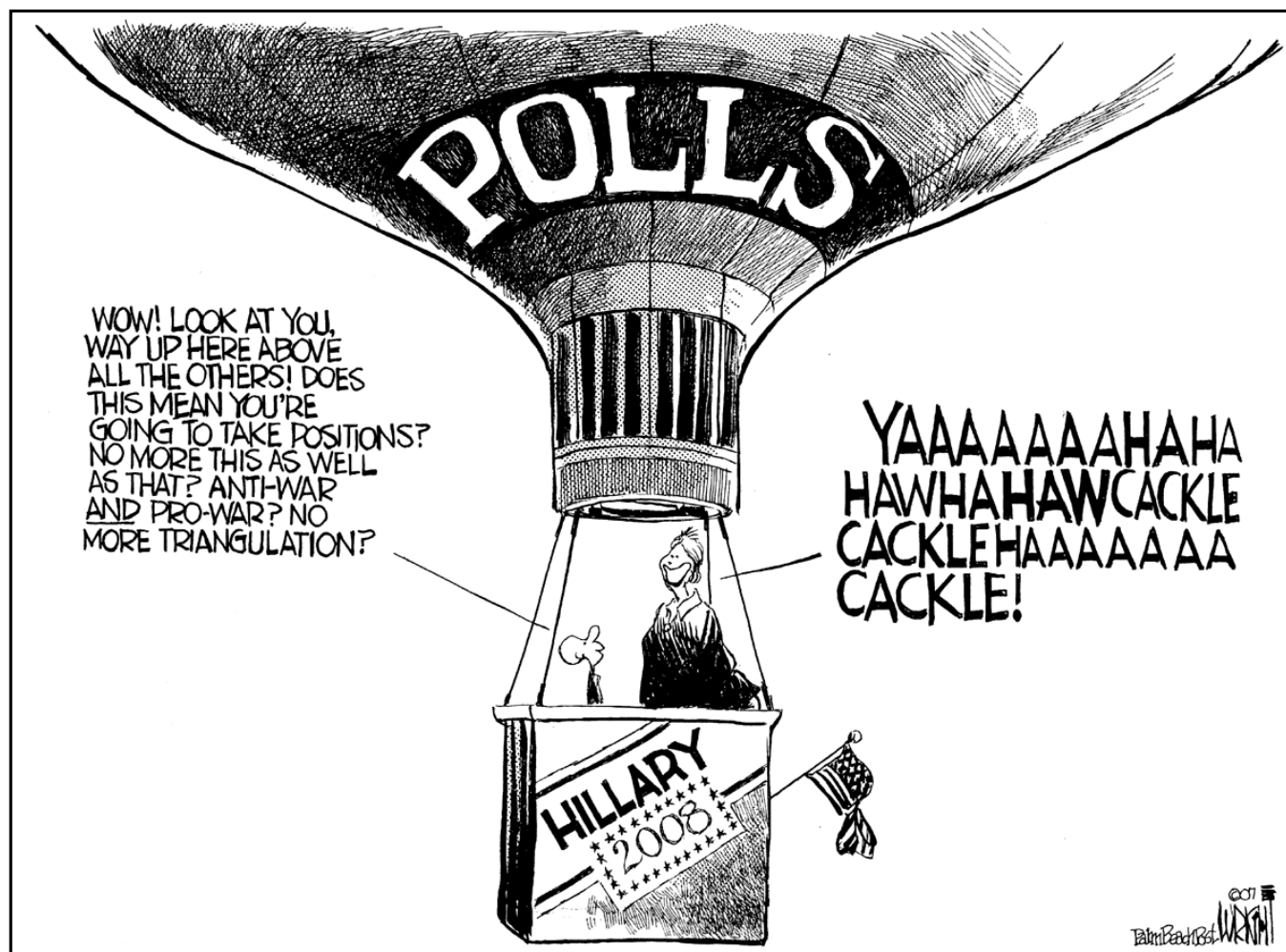
AASA did not intend to offend with new T-shirt

To the Editor:

Upon reading the Friday article "New AASA shirts offend," the Asian American Student Association would like to respond to Wynne Lam's opinion that our T-shirts were "designed to be tasteless and offensive."

The "Got Rice?" slogan was not based on the song but on the cultural significance of rice. It happens to be a common dietary staple in Asian countries and is also an important aspect of the Asian economy, where more than 90 percent of the world's rice is grown and consumed. Rice has been considered the grain that links heaven and Earth and mortals and gods, yielding a variety of festivals, traditions and rituals observed by Asians. We included no expletives, although the article implied that we did. By asking, "Got Rice?" we are not asking, "Do you have rice?" We are pointing more to the importance of rice in Asian culture in a humorous way in order to draw people's attention to the rest of the shirt, which invites them to join AASA. We apologize to anyone confused or offended by the idea.

As for the bowl of rice design on the AASA T-shirt, it was included purely as an aesthetic addition to the otherwise plain T-shirt. We were not implying that people would not



Don Wright—MCT

LETTER

IFC, NPHC do not hinder racial integration, rather facilitate it

To the Editor:

Once again, we receive a diatribe from an individual who's been here just a little over a month and a half. As a "token minority" in a "white frat" I am both offended and disgusted with such an ignorant examination of Greek Life. I refuse to believe Ravi Singh knows anything about either the Interfraternity Council or the National Pan-Hellenic Council, and 45 percent of this campus would have to agree. While I agree there are racists here at Vanderbilt, my argument is focused on the fact Singh is looking at the wrong "social engines" for this segregation.

One main reason individuals choose to join NPHC fraternities (which IFC supports wholeheartedly with events like Stompfest) is because they have family legacies and connections with that fraternity. I know individuals in NPHC fraternities that have a legacy going back almost to the founding members of those fraternities. They have every right to join the fraternity of their choice — regardless of what race the majority of individuals are. Secondly, please inform those individuals attending historically black colleges and universities they too are being racists for doing so. I'm sure they will appreciate it.

Let's move on to the fraternities with "token" minorities. Did you ever think individuals like you are responsible for fewer minorities joining "white" fraternities? People who call students who join a house as a minority "token minorities" are being extremely racist. That statement infuriates me so much, as it should any individual — Greek or not. It is reminiscent of "Not Another Teen Movie" where there can only be one "token black guy" at the party, so the other "token black guy" has to leave. There is a reason they made satire of that behavior: It is an outdated and completely racist mindset. At least they are the ones closing the gap between whites and minorities on campus. The fact that Singh perpetuates that vile thought process is nothing short of the pot calling the kettle black. By the way, nothing in the IFC bylaws states, "The IFC is a historically white organization." Once again, thank you for

perpetuating stereotypes.

Additionally, while I cannot speak for other organizations, I will defend to the death every fraternity and sorority that worked incredibly hard to perform at Stompfest. If you were looking for integration, this was the event to attend — clearly Singh must not have gone. To fill him in, every IFC and Panhellenic organization teamed up with an NPHC fraternity to learn a stomp and then perform it in a competition. Some teams rehearsed as many as four hours a week to prepare, and some learned more than just how to stomp — one team learned the history of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. and proudly relayed that knowledge to the entire audience. You are sadly disillusioned if you think a racist IFC or NPHC would spend that much time just to pretend they liked each other.

Good luck fitting in at either party if you are not white or black? That might be the most absurd statement I've ever heard. Why? The Latino/Latina fraternity and sorority have hosted joint parties with NPHC houses, so you are in dire need of a fact check. Maybe your personal experience comes from feeling uncomfortable by being a minority at a social event — for that you will have to look to yourself. If you haven't, you should attend some IFC or NPHC parties. I can speak for my fraternity when I say I have seen individuals from every minority at our social events. Last year, we had a party at which whites were the minority. And nobody cared. We were pleased with the high attendance.

In closing, please do research on the efforts that IFC and NPHC are making to close the gap before you blame them for the racism on campus. Instead, let's look at individuals who are pointing the blame at everyone but themselves. What have you personally been doing to bridge the gap? Writing this poorly researched article was a step in the wrong direction.

Danny Neelon
Social Chair
Phi Kappa Sigma

AASA would never purposely disrespect Asian traditions but will always act toward a goal of greater cultural and political awareness of Asian-American traditions and diversity within the university and local community.

be literate enough to read "Got Rice?" and therefore need a pictorial reminder. Lam also mentioned the belief that chopsticks sticking out of a bowl of rice is a faux pas. This conviction is actually a regional one that is not practiced by everyone in Asia, although many are aware the belief exists. Because there are numerous myths and customs in Asia, it is difficult for anyone to know all of them. In this case, we were not cognizant of the taboo nature of chopsticks sticking out of a bowl of rice. We view chopsticks solely as a means to eat. However, AASA is deeply sorry for offending Lam and others with his views. To do so was not our intent.

If some people are still unsure of AASA's commitment to the positive promotion of Asian-American culture, they can join us during Asian Pacific American Heritage Month this November in celebrating our unique backgrounds. We will have Chusok, the Korean harvest festival commemorated with special rice cakes; Taste of Asia, a gustatory celebration with lots of rice and dishes from various Asian restaurants in Nashville; and keynote speaker Magdalen Hsu-Li, a Chinese-American singer-songwriter, painter and cultural activist. Again, we apologize immensely to those who felt insulted after mistakenly interpreting the shirt's meaning in a negative light. That was not the intended message at all. AASA would never purposely disrespect Asian traditions but will always act toward a goal of greater cultural and political awareness of Asian-American traditions and diversity within the university and local community.

Asian American Student Association

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COLUMN

LEED certification indicates move towards greener campus

LESLIE LABRUTO
Guest Columnist

Vanderbilt is home to a building that proves to be an excellent model for earning the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification: The Commons Center. The building has exceeded its expectations, according to Andrea George, Vanderbilt's sustainability coordinator. According to Susan Barge, associate provost for College Halls, The Commons Center, along with silver-awarded Crawford and Sutherland houses, has proven an example for future buildings on campus, particularly the buildings that will replace Kissam Quad.

In spite of the building's excellence in innovation and efficiency, recent opinions have lambasted the LEED components of The Commons. According to The Vanderbilt Torch, one author wrote, "Getting LEED certified does nothing to the building or the people who use it." Contrary to some opinions, earning LEED certification is much more than a way to "justify the extravagance" of a building, an Orbis columnist wrote.

Since LEED's establishment in 1994, nearly 14,000 buildings around the country have been constructed under

its certification seal. The process for certification is not an easy one. While more money does not necessarily have to be spent on construction, a building must earn a certain number of points based on a rating system of sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy conservation, materials and resources used, indoor environmental attributes, and innovation in the design process.

The collective benefits of LEED buildings are irrefutable. All certified buildings, according to the Washington, D.C.-based Green Council, act to "increase profitability while reducing the negative environmental impact of buildings and improving occupant health and well-being." This completely invalidates both writers' statements from The Torch and Orbis.

Buildings constructed with the goal of LEED certification are generally built to meet an environmentally and economically practical agenda rather than simply earning the credential for prestige. "At (SPEAR's) urging, we agreed to pursue the certification as an example of the student-faculty-staff partnerships The Commons was designed to foster," said Judson Newbern, associate vice chancellor for campus planning, in August's issue of The Vanderbilt Register.

Clearly, Vanderbilt's agenda has not simply been to earn prestige.

So why has Vanderbilt bothered with the LEED certification? As recommended by the National Resources Defense Council, one of the most important reasons for advancing construction with a LEED certification is to ensure the building's life-cycle value. As a result, the building can be sustained for generations. Because The Commons Center is expected to receive some level of LEED certification, it will not need to be retrofitted for energy efficiency and will stand as the centerpiece of Vanderbilt's evolution to a greener campus.

Its successes to date include water-conserving toilets, recycled-wood tables and chairs, waterless urinals, 95 percent post-consumer steel, and heat-limiting window panels, which also help preserve quality. This continuous air-quality monitoring especially impacts the denizens of The Commons in their daily life. With these characteristics, along with its many other green features, The Commons is leading Vanderbilt toward a greener future.

—Leslie Labruto is a freshman in the School of Engineering.

THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Chalk		New York girl faces \$300 fine for drawing with sidewalk chalk. Throw in some drugs, and it's great memoir fodder.
Barack Obama		Turns out, he shares an ancestor with Dick Cheney. Do we really want the same family to be in the White House over and over?
Rudy Guiliani		Calls out Obama, saying he "is no Ronald Reagan." Weak insult! Next time, try, "He's so evil, his eighth cousin is Dick Cheney!"
Britney Spears		She was arrested for a hit and run, which is bad. But, she has set the record for Verdict mentions this semester, which is great!
Phone records		Documents reveal the government sought phone records before Sept. 11, which, of course, changed everything — except this.
T.I.		Gets arrested on weapons charge and will remain in jail at least until Friday. His defense strategy? T.I.P. set him up!
Feminism		Study finds that feminists have more stable heterosexual relationships and more satisfying sex lives. Score!
Human waste		New methods of turning waste into biogas will increase global toilet access and fight global warming: The perfect combination!
Vienna		Plans world's first "divorce fair." If a trip to Vienna is now the perfect way to destroy a marriage, why would anyone go to Vegas?
Eastern Illinois University		Suspends student with PTSD for disrupting atmosphere with in-class flashback. Psychology majors need not apply.

COLUMN

Kissam Quad sheds its sedate social reputation

JESSICA MORSE
Guest Columnist

Kanye West and Spice Girls blasted throughout Kissam Quad as salivating freshmen chomped down on free burgers and ice cream. Footballs, frisbees and soccer balls soared through the air as Vandy students happily frolicked about, taking in the unnatural scene. It was all very surreal. Who would have thought Kissam inhabitants actually know how to take a study break and ... socialize ... and do the Soulja Boy?!

Kissam stepped it up to a whole new level this past Thursday, dispelling the rumor that the single-room quad is the worst place to live on campus. There was nothing lame about the free barbecue the RAs spearheaded; on the contrary, there wasn't a single student who wasn't satiated with contentment. Vanderbilt Student Government freshman representatives from all six Kissam buildings organized the free ice cream party, where Kissamites poured chocolate and caramel

sauce on top of M&M-covered heavenly goodness. The entire lawn was buzzing with an excitement typically unassociated with Kissam Quad. At long last, Kissam students didn't have to trek across campus to find signs of life.

Currey denizen Jerica Allen exasperatingly announced, "I'm relieved Kissam stepped it up finally! I've been so jealous that Branscomb gets all the credit for being the only social scene. Why should we have to run to them for all the parties?"

Despite the chilliness, every Kissam dorm was represented on the lawn, with close to 300 students mingling, relaxing and meeting students from other halls. The lively atmosphere was much appreciated by freshman Lizzie Young who confided, "I am just so happy!" She proceeded to do an interpretive dance to express her blissful mindset. Kissamites said they hope Thursday's events were not a one-time occurrence but rather that Kissam has indeed turned a new leaf.

Two VSG representatives, Ashley Williamson and Tommy Obenchain,

expressed their extreme satisfaction with Thursday's barbecue/ice-cream party and revealed other events planned for Kissam in the near future. Williamson spoke about "a Kissam Quad flag football tournament with one girls' and one guys' team from each hall." She continued, "We're working towards a ping-pong table somewhere in Kissam, and other recent efforts of VSG include aiming for Qdoba to accept the Vandy Card." There is also talk of a possible Kissam Haunted House around Halloween.

When asked for details on other future events, Obenchain and Williamson coyly smiled and simply stated, "That's not to be disclosed at this moment, but we will tell you that next semester is going to be off the chain!" One student asked if their efforts entailed administering a string-and-cup communication device between adjacent halls. Williamson and Obenchain declined to comment.

—Jessica Morse is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

LETTER

VU groups need new names

To the Editor:

I love the name Vanderbilt University. The name evokes a sense of intellectually dignified prestige despite what U.S. News & World Report says. To the knowledgeable, Vanderbilt reminds one of the preeminence and power of American industry. To the less erudite members of our society, Vanderbilt might as well be an Ivy League university in some distant state. These plebes are typically in awe when they learn I attend the school they spell "Vanderbilt." The masses believe me when I tell of sitting in Rand, wearing berets, discussing politics, smoking and eating bon-bons. I love talking about the concept of Vanderbilt even as my professors try to ruin my grade point average. With that preface, I do not feel it tasteful for campus organizations to constantly co-opt, manipulate and infantilize the word "Vanderbilt" so they can have a cheeky name.

Let's face it, the letter "V" is about as awkward as I was in middle school. Nevertheless, I do not mind seeing it as a logo. I do mind, however, all of the little twists to "Vanderbilt Commodores" groups come up with. I would love to write an objective, journalistic piece someday, but that is not going to happen now. Honestly, how many times can we use VU as a pun on sight? PreVU this and VUcept

that. My Vanderbuddies and I understand "Dores" sounds like "doors." I was running out of examples to highlight until I opened my VUwebmail to read about VANDiversity week. Sometimes, I feel like taking a Vandy Van and finding one of the AmbassaDores to ask if Doreways still exists. Speaking of Vandy Vans, we should shorten the name to "The V" or "V-squared." Or maybe my suggestion is even lamer?

All right, there really are not very many of these named groups; and to be fair, the fact I even remember them is probably a testament to the effectiveness and influence of these campus organizations. Many of these services are invaluable to students. Regardless of the lameness of their names, they provide important services to our school and the greater Nashville community. Indeed, one of Vandy's characteristics is the awareness of itself in relation to everything else. Even I could not live without a few of the Vandy-ized words listed above. That said, it is still imperative the university administration ban the unnecessary manipulation of the words "Vanderbilt" and "Commodore."

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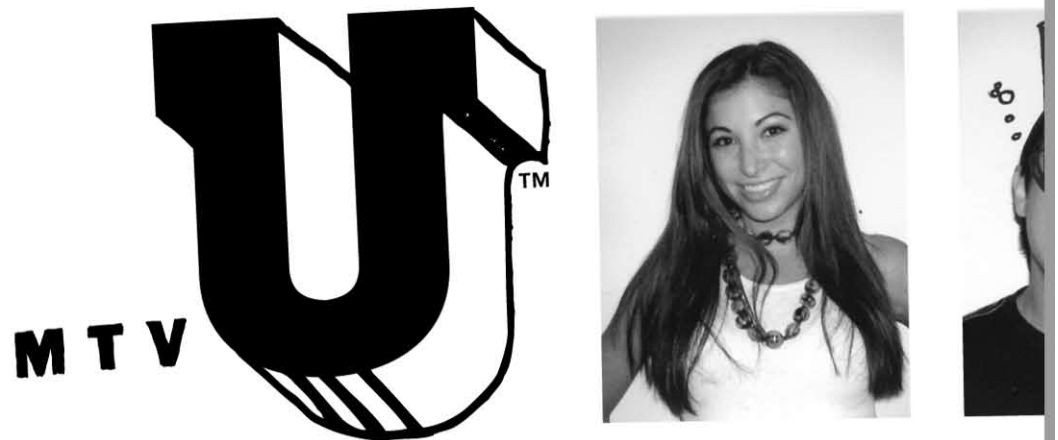
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SPORTS

MIDSEASON REPORT CARD

The Commodores are 3-3 at the halfway point of their season. The Vanderbilt Hustler sports staff took the opportunity to assess the team's performance. The special teams earned the best grade, and the quarterbacks need the most improvement, while individuals such as Marcus Buggs and Earl Bennett earned special recognition.

QUARTERBACKS



Few could have predicted that junior Chris Nickson, a preseason third-team All-Southeastern Conference selection, would regress in year two as a starter, but that is exactly what has happened. Nickson has completed 62 of 118 passes (52.5 percent) for 763 yards to go along with six touchdowns and five interceptions, while rushing for just 137 yards. Mackenzi Adams is a solid competitor and proved he can lead the Commodores during the second half of the season.

RUNNING BACKS



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The longest run by a Commodore player not named DJ. Moore is just 25 yards. The three main ball carriers — Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Jeff Jennings and Jared Hawkins — have combined for just 109.2 yards per game and five touchdowns. In order for Vanderbilt to be successful through the air, it must first prove that it can move the ball on the ground.

WIDE RECEIVERS



Amid recent uncertainty at the quarterback position, the wide receiving corps has remained remarkably consistent. The leader, of course, is junior Earl Bennett, who has 44 catches for 530 yards and four scores. But Sean Walker and George Smith have shown flashes of brilliance. As a whole, the receivers have done a solid job of avoiding the game-changing drops or penalties, and while their stats may not be overly impressive, that can be blamed on the quarterback. The Commodores sorely need a productive tight end.

OFFENSIVE LINE



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

With five senior starters returning, there were high expectations for the offensive line coming into the season. While the big boys up front have done a decent job, we think there is room for improvement in the second half. The running game has been average at best, and the quarterback could certainly use more time to throw. That said, left tackle Chris Williams has been as good as advertised and definitely as a future at the next level.



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COACHING



Vanderbilt has won every game it was supposed to win and lost every game it was supposed to lose, which means it's hard to be too high or low on Bobby Johnson and the rest of his staff. If Cassen Jackson-Garrison didn't fumble against Georgia, we would be talking about how the Commodores are just two wins away from their first bowl game since 1982. With that said, the play-calling (with the exception of the two plays against the Bulldogs) has lacked creativity. Johnson also needs to sort out the quarterback situation.

DEFENSIVE MVP



VU MEDIA RELATIONS

MARCUS BUGGS

While Jonathan Goff (54 tackles) has been solid, we're giving the nod to fellow linebacker Marcus Buggs. The senior has 37 tackles, including a team-leading five for a loss. Buggs, who sets the tempo for the Vanderbilt defense with his passion and energy, also has a sack, forced fumble and two quarterback hurries.

OFFENSIVE MVP

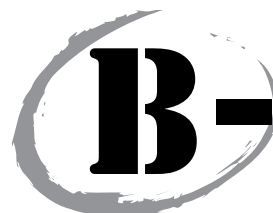


VU MEDIA RELATIONS

EARL BENNETT

This one is a no-brainer. Bennett, who is the school's all-time leader in receptions and just three away from breaking the SEC record, has caught 44 passes for 530 yards and four touchdowns thus far. While opponents undoubtedly focus their game plan on stopping No. 10, we would like to see the Commodores find more ways to get their top playmaker the ball in the second half.

DEFENSIVE LINE



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

The defensive line has depth the Commodores have never enjoyed before, with Broderick Stewart and Steven Stone sharing the right end position and freshman Theron Kadri playing significant minutes behind stud Curtis Gatewood. Seniors Gabe Hall and Theo Horrocks have been steady in the middle. Still, Vanderbilt has given up almost 150 rushing yards per game and seems baffled by great SEC tailbacks (BenJarvus Green-Ellis notwithstanding). The Doers have not been able to create too much quarterback pressure with a four-man rush against SEC opponents, prompting the coaching staff to call more blitzes.

LINEBACKERS



Jonathan Goff has spoiled us into expecting a first-round draft pick caliber performance every game. Fact is, defenses are gameplanning away from him, and he still leads the team in tackles with 54. Marcus Buggs has been very versatile in rushing the passer, stopping the run or dropping back in coverage. The weakside linebacker position has been slowed by injuries to both Patrick Benoist and Brandon Bryant, but with Benoist seemingly healthy again, that spot should solidify in the coming weeks.

SECONDARY



Thus far, the secondary, led by cornerbacks DJ. Moore (three interceptions) and Myron Lewis (10 pass breakups) and hard-hitting safeties Reshard Langford and Ryan Hamilton, has probably been the strength of the Commodore defense. They allow only 166 yards per game in the air, third best in the SEC, and combine for 11 interceptions, good for second in the league. So far, only one SEC receiver has broken 70 yards against Vanderbilt — and that came in a win.

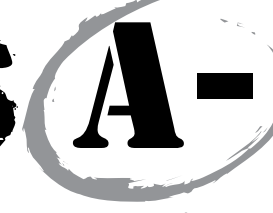


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SPECIAL TEAMS



Usually seen as the Achilles heel, Vandy's special teams have been some of its biggest strengths thus far. Alex Washington (9.4 yards per punt return) and DJ. Moore (26.4 yards per kick return) have been fantastic, giving the Commodores consistently good field position. Except for a long punt return by Alabama that set up a touchdown, Vanderbilt's coverage teams have been extremely effective. Kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt, a mediocre five of nine in field goals at this point last season, is eight for 11 in 2007 and perfect on PATs. Punter Brett Upson also seemed to have turned a corner against Georgia.

SEC East tougher than ever

by **ANDREW HARD**
Sports Reporter

In order to achieve their goal of winning six games and becoming bowl-eligible, the Commodores (3-3) will have to win at least one of their remaining four Southeastern Conference East games. Forgive them if that seems like a daunting task.

While the SEC East has been perennially far and away the toughest division in college football, its prowess this year surpasses all other seasons. And it is as simple as this: Vanderbilt is the only team not ranked in the top 25. That means that five are, and four are on the docket for Vanderbilt over the next five weeks with BCS No. 20 Georgia already having slipped through its fingers. The rest of the BCS rankings go something like this: South Carolina (6), Kentucky (7), Florida (15) and Tennessee (21).

"Five ranked teams in the East is pretty impressive to me," said coach Bobby Johnson. "We still think we can beat any one of those teams when we're playing well, and we plan to play well."

Sounds like coach-speak, but after seeing the way Vanderbilt held with Georgia on Saturday, squeaking out at least one more win seems entirely possible. The sixth-ranked Gamecocks are up next for the Commodores on Saturday in Columbia, and players are hoping they will be the latest victim in what seems to be a weekly slew of top-10 upsets.

"This is definitely our week (to knock off a top 10)," said safety Reshard Langford. "We had a great week of practice last week, and if we continue to build on it, we'll be good this weekend."

That great week of practice did not lead to a win against the Bulldogs, but the Commodores are not letting the loss linger. In this league, they can't afford to.

"You better be focused, or you'll be at a big disadvantage," Johnson said. "If you had that close loss hang over, it'll kill you the next game too. You try to learn what you can improve on, start working on (preparing for) the other team, and the previous game just sort of fades away."

The Gamecocks won't be easy to prepare for. In his third season in Columbia, Steve Spurrier has brought the Gamecocks not only into contention for the SEC East title but also possibly for the national title.

Like most SEC elites, they have won primarily with stout, explosive defense and efficient offense, having forced 14 turnovers in seven games and scoring three defensive touchdowns. Redshirt freshman quarterback Chris Smelley has led an offense averaging 350 yards per game, anchored by tailbacks Cory Boyd and Mike Davis.

"(Smelley) seems to handle everything extremely well. They're efficient on offense, by which I mean they win the game," Johnson said. "I'm really impressed with their running backs; that's a big help to him, and they make some big plays for their offense."

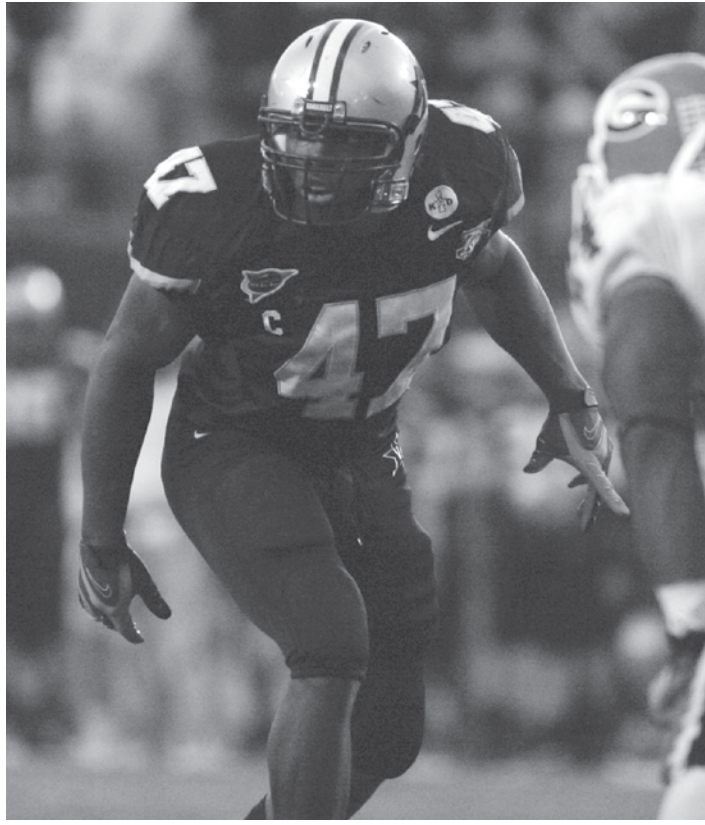
GOD.J.: When asked what role D.J. Moore would have in the offensive gameplan this week, Johnson didn't hesitate.

"He's gonna be the quarterback," he said.

To which he covered his mouth in embarrassment.

"Shouldn't have said that, they'll be mad at me in the offensive gameplan room for that one."

After rushing for 48 yards last week, it seems the cornerback/kick returner/wideout is capable of filling any role the Commodores need. His speed and athleticism are exceeded only by his hunger for the ball and his uncanny knack for making big plays.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Linebacker Jonathan Goff turned in a dominant performance Saturday against Georgia.

"If you can utilize his talent, then go for it," Langford said. "He's a good player, a great athlete, and he's full of energy."

Still, the Commodores must be careful not to overuse their versatile corner to where his effectiveness is limited on defense. He, along with Myron Lewis, has quickly become an effective cover cornerback, even succeeding one-on-one against some of the best receivers.

"You have to be careful that you don't overuse (Moore), make him less effective in other areas," Johnson said. "He's certainly an exciting player, and we'll reserve that right to use him on offense."

It's not fair to necessarily call them "trick plays," but the reverses the Commodores ran with Moore on Saturday were certainly unexpected and effective against Georgia. With the quarterback rotation struggling to fall into a rhythm, Moore just might be the key to lighting a spark in the offense this weekend.

IN GOFF WE TRUST: Senior linebacker Jonathan Goff has been quite effective all year for Vanderbilt, but the leader of the defense finally lit up the stat sheet last weekend, accumulating 14 tackles and a sack.

"He's probably spoiled us over the years, that you expect him to have that kind of game every game," Johnson said, no doubt remembering his outstanding performances against Michigan and Alabama to begin last year's campaign.

While no one is really preoccupied with Goff's draft potential at this point in the season, it's safe to say that a few more performances like this last one will impress Mel Kiper Jr.

"He's a great young man and would be an asset on any team," Johnson said. "Jon is a complete package kind of guy: easy to coach, learns extremely well ... you couldn't ask for anything more if you wanted to build a linebacker." ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Will Gibbons

	1. LSU 6-1 (3-1 SEC) No shame in losing on the road to a top-20 team with the quarterback (Andre Woodson) who will be leading either the Atlanta Falcons or the Miami Dolphins next year.
	2. South Carolina 6-1 (3-1) It hasn't always been pretty, but now the Gamecocks are right there with every other one-loss team in the BCS debate.
	3. Kentucky 6-1 (2-1) We could rate them ahead of LSU, but then what about South Carolina beating Kentucky? And what about LSU beating South Carolina? Basically, the SEC has a lot of great teams.
	4. Florida 4-2 (2-2) Despite being a fourth-down stop and a field goal away from being No. 1 in the nation, the Gators face a must-win this week in Lexington.
	5. Auburn 5-2 (3-1) Holding Darren McFadden and Felix Jones to 43 and 42 yards respectively is an impressive feat.
	6. Tennessee 4-2 (2-1) "The best way to beat a guy like (Erik) Ainge is to make him sit over there and drink Coke," said Mississippi State coach Sylvester Croom. The senior has looked great in the Vols' three consecutive wins.
	7. Georgia 5-2 (3-2) Has Georgia's stature fallen to a point that beating Vanderbilt merits a dance on the midfield logo?
	8. Alabama 5-2 (3-1) They're still tied with LSU for the division lead despite squeaking by Houston and Ole Miss.
	9. Mississippi State 4-3 (1-3) That win at Auburn keeps looking better and better.
	10. Arkansas 3-3 (0-3) Ole Miss barely lost at home to Florida and Alabama, making this week's road test look tougher than it did in August.
	11. Vanderbilt 3-3 (1-3) Give the Dores credit for not mailing it in after the Auburn debacle. You have to almost feel sorry for the home team.
	12. Ole Miss 2-5 (0-4) The Rebels really do look to be improving, but it's still not showing in the wins column.

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EDITOR'S NOTES

TOP PLAYS

1. Sean Walker's acrobatic touchdown grab against Georgia was the No. 1 play on ESPN's "Sportscenter" for good reason.
2. The D.J. Moore-to-Sean Walker reverse was one of the best calls the Commodores have made in quite some time.
3. DJ Moore's interception return for a touchdown against Eastern Michigan was punctuated by a flip into the end zone. Can you say "Prime Time"?

LOWLIGHTS

1. Cassen Jackson-Garrison's fumble late in the fourth quarter cost Vanderbilt a chance to improve to 4-2 midway through the season.
2. Alabama's huge punt return put the Commodores behind the eight ball early, and they never could recover.
3. The entire Auburn game.

KEY NEWCOMERS

1. Cornerback Myron Lewis
2. Long snapper / Linebacker John Stokes
3. Linebackers Brandon Bryant and Patrick Benoit

QUESTION MARKS

1. Will Johnson settle on one quarterback for the second half of the season or will he continue playing musical chairs?
2. While Miami (Ohio) and Wake Forest seem winnable, how are the Commodores going to get that much-needed sixth victory?
3. With games at South Carolina, Florida and Tennessee, will Vanderbilt be able to hold up on the road?

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