



Checking in on VSG: OASIS

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We're ready for OASIS to go. Students a decade ago probably felt the same.

Vanderbilt Student Government President Wyatt Smith has initiated a plan with the administration to reform the outdated OASIS system. The next enrollment program won't be here during his tenure as president, and seniors won't benefit from the results, but students enrolling for the fall 2010 semester will have a whole new system to use.

The "new course enrollment management system" will debut this coming February or March, Smith said. "(The current system) is clearly unacceptable. It's an archaic system, we've been voicing that to administrators for a while, but they're taking action on it. They're putting a lot of resources toward it, and they're going to work with us to get a new replacement through."

The frustrations of the system's limited capacity — OASIS can only accommodate 250 people at a time — is evident during the present drop/add period, along with the other antiquated features of the program.

"It seems remarkable that we're using something like Gmail as our e-mail server but something as difficult as OASIS is still being used to register for classes," senior Jennifer Dennard said. ■

OASIS REPORT CARD **A-**

Next spring students browsing through classes and enrolling for the fall will see the following features:

Class search

Students can browse courses based on subject area, subject code and class title.

Detailed class enrollment information

There will be information about particular sections including class requirements, a description from the course catalog and details about availability and real-time updates with class information.

Advanced search

Students will have the option to search by school, subject area, instructor, type of component, days offered, time range, mode of instruction, class attributes, credit hours and catalog number

Shopping cart

The shopping cart will allow students to place and save classes before or during the enrollment (or "appointment") period.

"Drop if enroll" functionality

The program will drop a course upon a student being admitted off the wait list for another class.

Enrolled classes

Students will be able to swap an enrolled course for another open class without dropping a section until they are enrolled in the other course.

Catalog search

A digitized and searchable copy of the course catalog will be available with additional information such as other components required for each class, along with the school that offers the course, grading basis and information about the class status in the planner

Planner

Students will be able to plan courses over their time at Vanderbilt, grouping courses by term.

Class wait lists

It won't be necessary to update wait list status daily because students will remain on wait lists until they are enrolled in the course, moved off by a registrar or remove themselves.

Go to InsideVandy.com to listen to VSG President Wyatt Smith's plan for OASIS improvements.



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Junior Judy Wang helped herself to hand sanitizer in Sarratt Student Center on Thursday. Purell has been distributed around campus to curtail the spread of disease, especially swine flu.

Possible H1N1 cases nearly doubles to 52, 10 confirmed

Students unconcerned; professors rewrite policy

by **SARA GAST**
News Editor

The second generation of H1N1 has started to spread through Vanderbilt's campus, with the number of students presenting with influenza-like illnesses nearly doubling from 28 on Tuesday to 52 on Thursday.

Ten cases have been confirmed as being the H1N1 virus, Liz Latt, assistant vice chancellor for news and communications said on Thursday, the day after classes started.

Students on campus remain largely unconcerned about the strain of influenza A commonly referred to as swine flu.

"I'm not worried at all. I think people tend to panic with these things," freshman Daichi Ueda said, adding that he hadn't done "anything special" to prevent catching the flu. Other students like fellow freshman Lusi Zheng said she was washing her hands more, but she also thinks the panic over H1N1 has been "exaggerated."

"It's the flu," sophomore David Curran said. "People



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get sick, people don't get sick. Worrying will do me no good. I will take the precautions and wash my hands, but I don't need to worry. I might go buy some vitamin C just in case."

But during the first days of classes, professors have established new policies to keep students away from class if they have a fever of over 100 degrees and are presenting flu-like symptoms.

For her first-year writing seminar, Spanish linguistics professor Susan Berk-Seligson wrote in a policy about H1N1 into her syllabus from the health code established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, advising that

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Vaccine from Vanderbilt to benefit its students

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Vanderbilt is on the forefront of the H1N1 vaccine research, and its students could be poised to benefit.

The Vaccine Treatment and Evaluation Unit at the Vanderbilt University Medical Center is one of eight locations in the country participating in early trials of the H1N1 influenza vaccine. The vaccine, intended to prevent infection from the flu virus, will hopefully be available to students and the general public before flu season begins in late October.

Kathryn Edwards, M.D., professor of pediatrics, director of the Vanderbilt Vaccine Research Program and principal investigator for the Vanderbilt VTEU, is leading the vaccine trials, which will continue until the end of the month. Children are being enrolled in pediatric trials and 137 adults have already started the H1N1 vaccination process.

As with the seasonal flu vaccine, the H1N1 vaccine will be available free of

charge. However, the process of receiving the H1N1 vaccine will be much lengthier. Instead of one simple shot, two shots will be needed, separated by a period of three to four weeks. It will then take an additional two weeks for the body to produce sufficient antibodies to protect itself against the virus.

Despite the complicated process, it is important that students are immunized against the virus. Along with pregnant women, health-care workers and people with underlying medical conditions, students under the age of 24 will be a priority group to receive the vaccine.

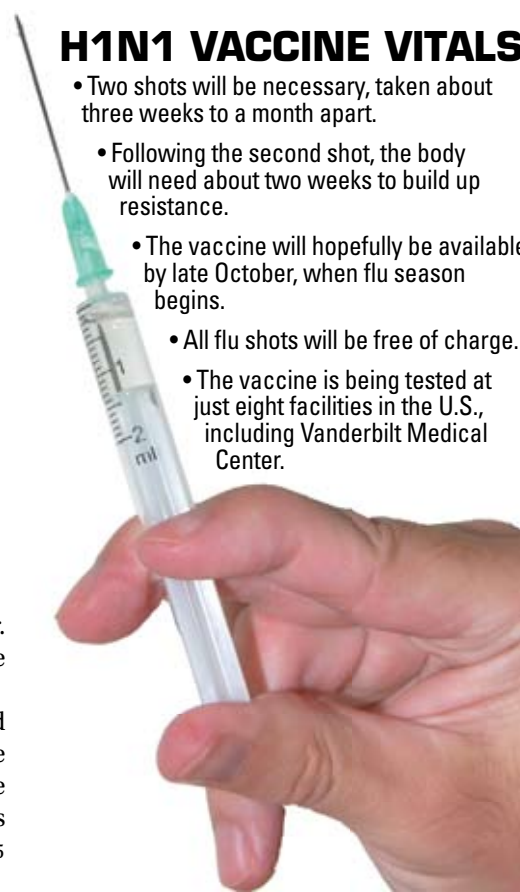
"Student Health has pushed hard for all students to receive the seasonal flu vaccine," said Dr. Louise Hanson, director of the Student Health Center. "Assuming our supplies are adequate, we will do the same for the H1N1 vaccine."

Dr. William Schaffner, professor and chair of the Department of Preventative Medicine, also warns students to be vaccinated against both the H1N1 virus

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H1N1 VACCINE VITALS

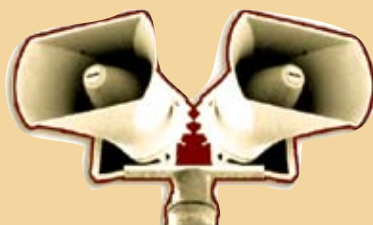
- Two shots will be necessary, taken about three weeks to a month apart.
- Following the second shot, the body will need about two weeks to build up resistance.
- The vaccine will hopefully be available by late October, when flu season begins.
- All flu shots will be free of charge.
- The vaccine is being tested at just eight facilities in the U.S., including Vanderbilt Medical Center.



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TODAY



HIGH 82, LOW 67
Scattered T-storms

SATURDAY



HIGH 81, LOW 62
Scattered T-storms

SUNDAY



HIGH 77, LOW 54
Partly cloudy

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AROUND THE LOOP

Freshmen: What was the most surprising part about the first day of classes?

“The massive review assignment in calculus.”
— Jesse Neugubauer, 2013, Peabody

“How big my chemistry class was. I walked in, and it looked like there wasn’t a free seat.”
— Scott Brockmeier, 2013, Engineering

“It was more relaxed than I was expecting. In one class, we started with a song of the day. I think I was too stressed out, and my professors made me feel more comfortable.”
— Carlyn Tomares, 2013, Peabody

“Sitting down and being surrounded by my upperclassmen.”
— Leah Saris, 2013, Arts and Science

CRIME LOG

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 10:50 p.m. — Wheelchair stolen at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 1:15 p.m. — Wallet stolen at 1211 Medical Center Dr.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 12:30 p.m. — Person vomiting in her hall and her room. Arrest made at North House.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 7:07 a.m. — Driving on revoked license. Arrest made on 21st Ave. South and Scarritt.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 5 a.m. — Person arrested for drunkenness at Morgan House. He was trying to go up the elevators when he wasn’t a resident. He had a strong odor of alcohol, slurred speech, and couldn’t tell the officer where he lived.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, 3:15 a.m. — Driving on a suspended license. Arrest was made on West End Ave and 21st Ave.

Tuesday, Aug. 25, midnight — Person urinating in bushes. Arrest made at Towers East.

Monday, Aug. 24, 10:30 a.m. — Shred-it box damaged at Vanderbilt University Hospital.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Susan Kevra

American Studies and French department
Eight years at Vanderbilt



Submitted by Susan Kevra

- 1. What classes do you teach?**
American Studies 100W: American Social History through Dance; American Studies 115F: Food for Thought: American Food Ways; The French Experience in the Americas; and French grammar and composition
- 2. What’s your favorite place in Nashville?**
My living room because my husband is a great guitar player, so I get to hear him play and hang out with my dogs
- 3. What do you like to do in your free time?**
Dance, hike, sing, garden
- 4. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?**
I went to undergrad at Oberlin College, got my master’s at University of Michigan and did my Ph.D. at University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 5. What did you research for your Ph.D.?**
Literature of Quebec
- 6. What are your academic interests for research now?**
For the dance class, I research about American music and dance. For French, I’ve been researching French travel writing.
- 7. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?**
My dogs, my husband and my MacBook
- 8. What was your first job?**
I have clarinet lessons in high school. In high school, I was a classical clarinet player.
- 9. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**
Henry David Thoreau. I love his philosophies and Walden.
- 10. Why did you decide to become a professor?**
I loved being a student and never wanted to leave the environment.
- 11. How did you develop an interest in your area of study?**
Being a dancer and loving to dance led me to want to find out about the history of dance. As for French, my grandparents spoke Arabic, so I grew up with an interest in foreign language.
- 12. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
Think outside the box. Try new things. Take risks.
- 13. Do you have any hidden talents?**
I’m a square dance caller and play clarinet. Secretly, I think I could be a pretty good songwriter.
- 14. What’s something that your students don’t know about you?**
I’m a twin. My identical sister is a classical flute player.
- 15. What’s the biggest challenge you’ve faced in your teaching career?**
Trying to reach out to students who aren’t motivated. Teaching 8 a.m. classes can be challenging, too.

CALENDAR

THE WEEKEND

TODAY

- **Student organization fair**
Various student groups will have booths set up in The Commons Center from 3-6 p.m.
- **Women’s soccer vs. Mercer**
The women’s soccer team will face Mercer at the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex at 7 p.m. Students have free admission.
- **Intramural softball registration**
Registration lasts until Sept. 4. You may register in the Office of Campus Recreation from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

SATURDAY, AUG. 29

- **Outdoor Rec used-equipment sale**
From 7 a.m.-noon, the sale will be at the Outdoor Recreation Center, outside on the sidewalk and on the field across the street. In case of rain, it will be at Student Rec Center.

SUNDAY, AUG. 30

- **Women’s Soccer vs. Murray State**
The women’s soccer team will face Murray State at the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex at 2 p.m. Tickets are free for students.
- **Mock trial interest meeting**
Vanderbilt Mock Trial will host its first of two interest meetings from 5-6 p.m. in Buttrick 206. Undergraduate students interested in auditioning for the 2009-2010 mock trial competition teams should attend to receive audition materials.

SNAPSHOT

Late summer jam session in Music City



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Sophomore Travis Snyder and junior Nathan Lo take a break on Alumni Lawn during the second day of class.



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Vanderbilt Student Communications and the Student Life Center are hosting the annual "Welcome to Nashville Fair" on August 31.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

This is a great chance to meet your local merchants, many of whom are within walking distance of the campus. Each vendor will have a booth and we encourage you to visit as many as you can. They will go out of their way to make it worth your while with free food, product samples, coupons and much more. Restaurants, Wireless communication providers, Eyewear stores, Salons, Banks, Fitness, Fashion, Sports Venues, Tanning Salons, and much more will be represented at the event.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Many vendors are donating nice door prizes that represent their industry. That means that there will be a door prize given away to a student, faculty or staff member about every 5 minutes over a 3-hour period! Plus- many vendors will be giving away freebies, coupons, discounts and more! These vendors want your business and they will make it worth your while to show up. Free snacks and beverages provided by the Student Life Center.

HOW MANY VENDORS WILL BE THERE?

We are allowing up to 50 vendors to attend. We won't have a final count until the last minute but we expect a full house.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING?

Free bags will be provided courtesy of Fed Ex-Kinkos so you can carry away all the great stuff you collect while you are there.

WHAT ABOUT GIVING OUT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION?

We are asking vendors not to ask for personal information (e-mail, phone number, etc) but if there is a legitimate reason for giving out your personal contact information, (Example- some banks will need your personal contact info to process your application) ultimately it's up to you. We don't want to encourage spam e-mailings.

Following is a partial list of vendors who will be attending the Welcome to Nashville Fair and some of the give aways. Many vendors will be donating generous door prizes to encourage you to stop by. In addition to door prizes, some vendors will be handing out coupons and offering one day only discounts for goods and services. So come on out, make some new friends, and load up on freebies.

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| 5. BIG BANG, | 30. MACKE'S RESTAURANT, BRUNCH FOR 4 |
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H1N1: Other universities see numbers jump as class starts

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“those with flu-like illness should stay away from classes and limit interactions with other people (called ‘self-isolation’) except to seek medical care, for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever.”

Other professors, including communications studies professor Claire King and managerial studies professor Cherrie Clark, were also urging students to stay home and take care of themselves if they felt ill instead of risking passing the virus on to the rest of the class. Italian professor Elsa Filosa allowed an additional unexcused absence to her students to lessen the penalty of missing class.

Students think those precautions along with the prevalence of hand sanitizer throughout campus may play a role in keeping the spread H1N1 to a minimum.

“I think that it’s smart to take precautions like hand sanitizer,” sophomore Meredith Crites said. “I think that if you’re smart about it, there’s not any reason to worry.”

The prevalence of H1N1 has begun to rapidly increase at other universities as fall semesters get under way.

John Maxwell, the director of the University of Alabama’s student health center, told The Birmingham News that 54 people, the majority of whom were students, had tested positive for H1N1 by Tuesday, the first day of classes. The paper reported that the outbreak was thought to have started the week before with sorority recruitment.

Mississippi State’s flu watch Web site was reporting 279 probable cases as of Thursday; Carnegie Mellon reported having 26 confirmed cases a day earlier. On Tuesday, the day after classes began at Auburn

University, the university’s medical clinic reported six cases of H1N1.

At Kansas University, a safety alert asked students to call, not visit, the student health center. There were no confirmed cases of H1N1 as of Wednesday, but the Laurence Journal-World reported 191 cases of people who said they’ve had flu-like symptoms since the semester began.

Georgia Tech officials told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution on Wednesday that they have about 100 cases of suspected flu on campus with 12 confirmed as being H1N1. Students have only been on campus a week, and a university spokesman said they were asking students with flu-like symptoms to isolate themselves to prevent the virus from spreading further.

But sometimes close contact is hard to avoid.

At Texas Christian University,

football coach Gary Patterson told The Dallas Morning News that five players have H1N1, including running back Ed Wesley, Mountain West Conference’s freshman of the year last season. On Thursday morning the student newspaper reported that the number of students being treated for H1N1 jumped from 10 to 88 in two days. The vice chancellor for student affairs said the university was no longer testing for H1N1, instead treating every patient presenting with an influenza-like illness as if he or she had the virus.

As of Thursday, the Vanderbilt Student Health Center was still urging any student with a “temperature greater than 100 degrees and cough or sore throat” to come in and be evaluated. ■

—Joslin Woods and Amanda Nieman contributed reporting.

VACCINE: Students urged to get H1N1 and seasonal shot

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and the regular flu virus.

“It would be smart to get the regular, seasonal vaccine as soon as it is available,” Schaffner said. “Seasonal vaccine will not protect against H1N1 infection and the H1N1 vaccine will not protect against seasonal influenza. Get protected against both.”

Although the regular seasonal flu vaccine will be available to students in the next few weeks, the 2009 H1N1 vaccine will only be available once the trials are complete and the vaccine has been distributed.

“It appears that we will have the vaccine in late October or early November, but those dates are tentative,” Hanson said. “As we learn more, we will update our Web site and e-mail students.”

Thus far, the vaccine trials at Vanderbilt have been very successful.



SCHAFFNER
Neil Brake/Vanderbilt Photo

“The vaccine has been safe and well-tolerated in all participants,” Edwards said.

This is not the first time there has been a need for an H1N1 vaccine. In the late 1970s, following a swine flu scare, a vaccine was developed and administered to about 46 million Americans. Dr. Peter Gross, senior vice president and chief medical officer at Hackensack University Medical Center in New Jersey, told Fox News that a strain of H1N1 has been included in the flu vaccine every year since 1977. ■

Meet August Washington: VUPD chief

Chief August Washington was recently hired as Vanderbilt University’s new chief of police. Washington’s 30-year career has spanned six colleges, the most recent being the University of Tennessee, where he was also the chief of police. We sat down with Washington to discuss his goals for his new position at Vanderbilt.

by **VIRGINIA HORNBLOWER**
Contributing Reporter

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VU Media Relations

August Washington is starting his term as chief at his sixth institution. He traces his officer roots back to a student security program at University of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Vanderbilt is the sixth university that you have worked at. What brings you to Vanderbilt as opposed to anywhere else?
Vanderbilt has always been a university that I thought would be a great place to work, and I never dreamed that I would have the opportunity to do so. When the opportunity presented itself about seven months ago, my wife and I just said, “Let’s give it a gander” and see if it will work out.

Why have you chosen to work on a college campus rather than working for a local police force?

Well, when I grew up and went to college, like a lot of young people, I had to work my way through college and I ended up working for a very unique program called the Student Officer Program at the University of Louisiana-Lafayette. ... I worked as a security officer to pay my tuition. As I progressed through the program, I ended up going to the police academy and became a city police officer. I did that for about seven years with the city of Lafayette, but I always missed working on a college campus because I love the energy, the students and being in an environment where it seemed that people are trying to progress and do positive things.

Having worked on many college campuses, what do you think the relationship should be between the police force and the student body?

The university police department exists to create an environment that is conducive for learning and that is safe for the students to learn and progress as they need for their program. I think the relationship should be a relationship where if you get into danger or feel fear, you can trust the police department. So that’s why I believe that university police officers should be much more personable than what we expect in our greater society: a relationship where they trust each other and they can work together to make the environment safe.

As a freshman on campus, safety is clearly an important issue. What are some things that freshmen can do to avoid danger around campus?

Make good decisions and you’ll be faced with opportunities. Especially when it comes to the use and abuse of alcohol as an intoxicant, (be safe) because studies have proven that as you become intoxicated you lose the ability to make good decisions.

What are your responsibilities as the police chief?

My job is to try to create a safe environment around Vanderbilt and the medical center. My job is to educate people on safety and to foster a relationship with the students such that they understand why we’re here. We want to keep (the students) safe and minimize the possibility of victimization.

What improvements can you envision for the Vanderbilt police force five years from now?

I think we will continue to develop to be a better police department. We’re always trying to improve our services and the relationship with our students to help them make our community, as a whole, safer. ■

Tau Beta Sigma marches off into the year

by **CAROLINE WILLIAMS**
Contributing Reporter

For some members of the Spirit of Gold, their focus stretches beyond the edges of the football field.

Tau Beta Sigma, a co-ed fraternity made up of over 50 members of Vanderbilt’s marching band, promotes both the band and Nashville’s local music scene by going off campus to interact with the rest of Music City.

“They focus on activities that help the band, but also go out into the community and do different service projects that promote music,” said Tracy Hancock, senior and band president.

The students in the fraternity also began the Vanderbilt Marching Invitational to financially support the Spirit of Gold. A competition for high school marching bands all over the country, the invitational is held each year in the Vanderbilt Stadium.

“VMI is a high-caliber competition. We bring in college band directors from all over the country to judge the competition,” Hancock said. “Another unique thing about VMI is that it is completely student-run.”

The students’ work paid off, with the competition having raised nearly \$50,000 that has been used to fund scholarships for several members of the marching band. ■



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The Spirit of Gold joined student-athletes, coaches and National Commodore Club members for the Commodore Kickoff at the Memorial Gym Plaza. Coach Bobby Johnson led off the event with some opening remarks on the 2009 season.

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True Life: I am going to join a conservative mob after grad



KATHERINE MILLER

Columnist

So, things are not going so well. My roommate has a likely case of H1N1, and the Congressional Budget Office estimates another 2.3 million jobs are going to strip down and “Time Traveler’s Wife” away in the next year.

Since, frankly, the work experience section of my resume exudes a certain fondness for dying enterprises — a print newspaper, the now bankrupt Reader’s Digest and the Republican National Committee during the McCain campaign — one post-graduation option remains: I’m going to join a conservative mob.

It will be like a crazy version of the Boxcar Children (in the first book, before the rich grandfather *deux ex machina*’d them out of homelessness) except instead of solving kooky little mysteries, we’ll attack people. Just like Lewis and Clark intended, I’ll camp out on the Appalachian Trail in Real America, with AARP members, Rorschach, jobless riff raff and Mark Sanford. We’ll toast s’mores and drink pilfered Coca-Colas that taste

suspiciously like Jack Daniels while somebody whistles “Big Green Tractor” to lull us to sleep. Maybe I’ll even overcome the urge to pour a bottle of bleach in my ears when I hear Rush Limbaugh’s voice.

Under the stars, John Wayne’s ghost will provide tips and tricks for effective town hall chants and abandonment screaming. A beginning primer would look something like this: “I don’t want to live in Russia,” “LOUD NOISES,” “Nancy Pelosi is a (epithet of your choice),” “Barack Obama was born in Kenya with the Easter Bunny on the table of a death panel,” and the hallmark of any good protest: drunkenly screaming “Socialism.”

Not that conservative mobs are wandering around like, “You know what we could use — a girl,” but I’m pretty quick on my feet and I have what Vanderbilt tells me is a B-average understanding of economics.

Like, let’s say Tiny Tim is terminally ill, with the typhoid fever or the consumption. Preventative care didn’t catch it early on because he has typhoid fever or another Oregon Trail-related disease.

Now, we can either give him expensive treatment that will extend his life through Christmas, or we can

give him morphine to dull the pain. With a fiat-rationed public system, like ObamaCare, the only option for cutting costs is tossing a bottle of pills at Tiny Tim and pinning a \$20 bill on his collar, limiting someone else’s care or letting our national debt destroy us like the Stay-Puft Marshmallow man. Who will toss the bottle of pills, though? A public option ends with a series of rules and regulations designed to take the burden of those ugly decisions off individuals — but it also means we’re already made the life and death decisions.

I’m sure after a few months Guy Montaging it through Arkansas, though, this ability to distill economic information into hypothetical situations involving fictional characters will leave me, and I’ll just wander around screaming “LIQUIDITY ... THE GREEN LANTERN?” and singing Taylor Swift until they put me in a home.

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Ted Kennedy is not really a saint



ALEX MCCONNELL

Guest Columnist

The passing of Ted Kennedy earlier this week was tragic. He was one of America’s greatest politicians, the last active member of one of America’s greatest political families, the Lion of the Senate. It would also be tragic if Kennedy was turned into a rallying point and Blue Dog Democrats moved to oppose a socialized health care program this country doesn’t need, want or have the ability to finance.

Kennedy, ever the politician, sensed his capability to play this role even in death and made a point to call this version of health care reform, “The cause of my life.”

“The passing of Ted Kennedy earlier this week was tragic... It would also be tragic if Kennedy was turned into a rallying point.”

How could any Democrat fail to hear that quote and be moved to “Do it for Teddy”? Easy. Step back and look at his life and career as a politician. He was a champion for the poor, the sick and oppressed minorities. No Child Left Behind is just one of several examples of Kennedy reaching across the aisle to enact important reform. Kennedy certainly deserves consideration in a discussion of the best senator since LBJ, but he was

not a great man. From the infamous incident at Chappaquiddick to the sexual harassment scene at a D.C. bar, he had a number of serious personal issues.

In his work as a senator, he did his best to taint his own political legacy throughout his career. Most recently, Kennedy urged his home state of Massachusetts to alter a law requiring a special election to replace senators who vacate their post midterm. This action was motivated by his understanding that he only had a few months to live, not to mention his desire for the Democrats to return to an all-important filibuster proof majority in the Senate as soon as possible. He could have made the argument that he firmly believed a governor’s appointment was a better way to fill the post had he not argued the opposite so strongly just five years ago. When it became possible that John Kerry would vacate his senate seat to take up residence in the White House, Kennedy pressured the state legislature to require the same type of special election he recently fought against. This was a purely political effort to prevent then Republican governor, Mitt Romney, from appointing a Republican to Kerry’s position.

What this anecdote illustrates is that Kennedy, as he showed after driving his car off a bridge, was concerned first and foremost with himself. This country can learn many lessons from Senator Kennedy’s life and career. Self-preservation is one of them. We cannot afford to hand over a fifth of our economy to a government that has displayed a knack for excess and waste. While health care reform is necessary, there are far better options than the one Democrats are pushing. Let’s learn from Ted Kennedy and put ourselves first for the sake of survival and success. Yes, even ahead of the last wishes of The Lion of the Senate.

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The high cost of low standards



THOMAS SHATTUCK

Columnist

It appears to be exceedingly difficult to receive a good education these days — from elementary school through college. The 2009 SAT average scores were recently released and showed the lowest scores of the millennium.

Furthermore, only a quarter of graduating high school students who took the ACT were adequately prepared for the rigors of college. While this news alone is unsettling, minority students’ scores lagged still more than in previous years. The drop can be partially attributed to an increase in the number of students taking these standardized tests. According to Diane Costello of Lohud.com, approximately 1.5 million high school students took the ACT, a substantial increase from the 1.3 million in 2007. This, however, is no excuse for low score averages.

Many states, including Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Michigan and Wyoming require high school juniors to take the ACT or SAT. If you’re going to require students to take tests designed to indicate college potential, you should prepare them properly. While natural ability may play a role in the tests’ outcome (debatable), programs like Kaplan or The Princeton Review make a mint from improving students’ test-taking skills. Ideally then, our publicly funded school systems would provide similar training that students need to succeed on such examinations, and later in institutions of higher learning.

Of course, the scores are not only symptomatic of a failing infrastructure, but also of racial inequality in test scores. The gap is remarkably wide. According to the Wall Street Journal, black students trail 99 points behind white students in critical reading, 121 points behind Asian students in math and 99 points behind Asians in writing.

I’d hardly say it smacks of racism — socioeconomic status plays a significant role as well. Not much of an excuse is it, though? The Statue of Liberty states quite adamantly “Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

Admittedly, she doesn’t exactly claim to provide substantial welfare or educational benefits, but at this stage of American development, it would be reasonable to assume some basic social infrastructures would be provided for the public good. Wealth, race and geographical location simply shouldn’t bar any individual from success — educational or otherwise.

Then again, the government isn’t entirely to blame. Over the course of a 13-year educational career prior to college, the average student spends about 16,380 hours in school, which represents an increase over the past 20 years. Furthermore, per student spending has increased, even as the U.S. fell to 18th in international secondary education rankings. At this point, all the king’s horses and all the king’s men couldn’t put anything back together, let alone a sprawling, multimillion dollar, failed quasi-public industry. Personal responsibility comes in at some point.

A culture of malaise or perhaps just indifference seems to have led many to believe that the success of public education relies solely on the government. Read a book. Read your kids a book. If you have trouble with a class, ask a teacher or get a tutor. It might not be easy, it might not be cheap, but it’s something. There might be work without merit, but there certainly is no such thing as achievement ex nihilo.

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Compiled by Ryan Sullivan

“OASIS, you overlapped my classes and then stopped working. Your death cannot come soon enough.”

“Who is Ryan Sullivan and how the hell did this guy become opinion editor?”

“Why does the street next to the Rec always smell like a Turkish prison’s bathroom?”

“Dear freshman who gave a rose to our professor on the first day of class: You suck.”

“No one likes your inflatable furniture, if you guys next door don’t stop squeaking, I WILL pop them.”

“The Hustler should correct Wednesday’s crime report. I was not arrested.

— The guy who passed out in the elevator”

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Starvation meal plans: Vanderbilt's own secret diet

PHIL INGRAM
Guest Columnist

As summer days dwindled and the school year approached, I became increasingly worried. It wasn't the course work, the end of summer or the intense exercise regimen my friend had designed for us. It was the food.

If you're a freshman, don't panic. The food at Vandy is fairly good considering the fact that it's a college campus. The Commons has even served palatable sushi on occasion. One thing, however, even a moderately unobservant freshman should notice is the extreme prevalence of skinny girls. People try to attribute this fact to social influences that cause eating disorders. False. The true culprit is the Vanderbilt meal plan.

Another option is partying ... Vandy students are pretty good at binge drinking. It's probably the only reason half the campus hasn't starved already."

If you're a freshman, you can stop reading now. The thing that you should take away from this is that I am extremely jealous of you and your abundance of food. For all those who don't celebrate Thanksgiving every day, let's get down to the facts.

The largest meal plan that is available to any upperclassman is the "14 Basic," and I can tell you that it is indeed basic. Fourteen meals a week is hardly enough for anyone to survive on. Thank God they upped the meal money from \$200 per semester for freshmen meal plans to \$225 per semester for sophomores. Those 25 extra dollars will come in handy considering we will get half as many meals as we did last year as freshman and half as many flex meals.

In addition, we also get rollover. That means a meager \$3.10 for every missed meal. Sounds like a bargain, right? Maybe if we're eating McDonalds, but as the food is worth at least a solid six bucks at market value I don't think so. Plus, who can afford to miss a single meal when you only get two a day?

As if that weren't bad enough, Vanderbilt insults us further by offering the eight-meal plan. Again Vanderbilt ups the meal money to \$275 per semester. Thank you Vandy — always got my back. Who am I kidding? I don't even think a 4-foot-6-inch sorority girl who sits around all day and does nothing can survive on eight meals a week. So what are we to do?

Well, if you've chosen the eight-meal plan, you're pretty much screwed. Survival of the fittest, baby. The only way the rest of us will make it is to use every tool available to us. If you aren't on the list-serve of at least 10 different clubs, do it. Free food is readily available at almost every club meeting and if you pick it right you can go to a solid four or five meetings a week. Sure, it's a time commitment, but if you bring homework and your iPod it shouldn't be a complete waste of time. Eating never is.

Another option is partying. Luckily, frat boys are very welcoming and provide tons of free beer to anyone who happens to show up and knows at least two brothers or is a girl. If you're 6-foot-9 and 300 pounds they might let you slide with just knowing one brother. However you get in, the point is that the beer is high in calories you desperately need. Luckily, most Vandy students are pretty good at binge drinking. It's probably the only reason half the campus hasn't starved already.

Whichever way you plan on surviving, make sure that you talk to the administration about their callous nature toward our food needs. Just because their metabolism is slower than a sloth doesn't mean ours is. Personally, I'm a big fan of the 21-meal plan, which will hopefully be coming to a cafeteria near you. Hell, what's another thousand to prevent starvation when you're already paying 50 grand a year?

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Unpaid columnists, unbiased opinions



HUDSON TODD
Guest Columnist

It is easy to dismiss opinion pieces by college students (especially freshmen) as unimportant when compared with the plethora of opinions offered by professional journalists and political analysts. Yet I do think there is a unique value in Vanderbilt students' opinions that cannot be offered by the modern day media. Putting aside the obvious reason — that Vanderbilt's opinion pieces can and do tend to focus on issues primarily affecting the Vanderbilt community — what specifically is the value of a Vanderbilt writer's opinions on other issues?

Vanderbilt students differ from political commentators in that their opinions come from the heart. It is difficult to believe someone like Glenn Beck (perhaps the most conservative political commentator on Fox News, who recently said "Obama hates white people") could be sincere when his paycheck and fan base depend on him espousing such radical views. It does not seem that Beck believes all of what he says, but instead will fabricate things from time to time that conform to his viewers' opinions rather than his own. I am skeptical that he and many other political pundits (both left and right) could actually concede any big issues to their opponents while maintaining their job, because were that the case, they would not be doing their job.

On May 22, Mancow Muller, a famous talk radio personality who held the view that waterboarding should not be classified as torture, chose to volunteer to be waterboarded in order to prove his point. Mancow lasted a mere six seconds (eight seconds less than an average individual) and immediately after the procedure muttered, "Absolutely torture." Needless to say, after this concession the right wing pounced all over him and he lost quite a few listeners. People like Glenn Beck understand this all too well, and know their ratings and viewers are contingent upon them espousing an unapologetic, conservative position. Thus, it is difficult to treat many things they say as sincere, a problem that is not present in college newspapers in which the writers write not what they think their readers or company want them to say, but what they really believe.

There are a variety of other reasons why a college opinion page offers something unique that cannot be found in a typical paper. It is very

easy to contact any writer via email or in person about their articles and dispute them, or write a letter to the editor expressing one's agreement or disagreement with any particular piece. When writing opinion pieces I am not saying what I think and expecting everyone to just eat it up. I am instead hoping to change minds while simultaneously inviting any interested readers to challenge any position I posit they think is illogical or ultimately just wrong.

In essence, I want to be proven wrong, because I feel if I am not constantly changing my opinions ... then I am trapped in a state of stagnation."

In essence, I want to be proven wrong, because I feel if I am not constantly changing my opinions with new acquisition of knowledge then I am trapped in a state of stagnation. Oftentimes people feel disappointed when beaten in a debate. However, I look at debating as a win-win scenario. Either you defeat your opponent and perhaps learn a bit in the process, or you lose and walk away that much more knowledgeable. It is only in closing eyes and plugging ears that a debate can be lost. That position stands in stark contrast with a typical political analyst.

I am not suggesting there is no value in the paid media, because in all fairness there is a reason why these people are getting paychecks for their work — they are extraordinarily talented at what they do. But the fact remains that there is something artificial to their positions, and so long as people are getting paid to express opinions, questions should persist about the sincerity of their work.

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Sports

Vanderbilt looking for a (better) sequel

Sequels rarely surpass the original, but in Vanderbilt's case, there's plenty of reason to expect 2009 will be more "The Dark Knight" than "Batman and Robin."

by **DAVID NAMM**
Sports Reporter

While sitting through the second installment of the "Transformers" series (a.k.a. "The Megan Fox Show") a few weeks ago, it occurred to me that — just like death and taxes — subpar sequels are another one of life's precious certainties.

Sure, sometimes we're spoiled with anomalies like "The Dark Knight" and "The Godfather Part II," but for every one of those there are dozens of gut-wrenching

cinematic busts like "The Matrix Revolutions," "Miss Congeniality 2" and, of course, "Batman and Robin." Hence, a successful follow-up to a smash hit is often expected but rarely produced. The 2009 Vanderbilt Commodores are on a mission to rewrite that script.

With last season's Music City Bowl berth and consequent victory, two home wins over top 25 opponents and a ranking that climbed as high as No. 13 in the country, Vanderbilt

football was played at a level rarely seen in Nashville by those wearing black and gold. How rare? The last winning season before 2008's 7-6 mark was in 1982, and the last bowl win was during the Eisenhower Administration.

Still, can the Commodores catapult themselves back to the bowl eligible threshold and beyond again, or will their sequel come up short like so many others? The general feeling around campus is they can. Here are five reasons they will, in movie form:

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Episode Five: Return of the O-Line

Vanderbilt boasts a huge advantage in terms of continuity in the offensive trenches, where all five starters from last year return to a team that relies heavily on its rushing attack. Led by redshirt senior center Brad Vierling, this group will be counted on to keep Smith and Adams upright against ferocious pass rushers like Florida's Carlos Dunlap, LSU's Rahim Allen and Ole Miss's Greg Hardy as well as paving the way for redshirt senior Jared Hawkins and an impressive stable of running backs.



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Bradley Vierling (60), Eric Hensley (66) and the rest of the offensive line have a year of starting experience under their belts, which will be a huge plus facing the SEC's fearsome set of defenses.

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Superman Returns

With the loss of all-purpose phenom D.J. Moore to the Chicago Bears, pundits are concerned Vanderbilt's pass defense will suffer dramatically as a result. Never fear, Commodore faithful: Water covers 75 percent of the earth and Myron Lewis covers the rest. The senior corner enjoyed a fine season in 2008 with five interceptions and five sacks, and duplicating that success would prove Lewis worthy of alpha dog status and serious NFL consideration.



JAE S. LEE / The Tennessean
Myron Lewis clinched the Music City Bowl with this interception.

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Bad Boys 3

Just like Will Smith and Martin Lawrence in one of Michael Bay's signature "Blow Things Up" productions, Vandy linebackers super redshirt sophomore Chris Marve, junior John Stokes, and seniors Patrick Benoist and Brent Trice will be keeping patrol of opponents from sideline to sideline and punishing those who stand in their way. Defense was certainly a strength for the Commodores last season, and key to the development of the team overall will be limiting the rushing attacks of opponents like Georgia Tech and Florida, thereby keeping them off the field. Look for this deep group of linebackers headlined by the aforementioned quartet to stay fresh as they wear out opponents.



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Weakside linebacker Patrick Benoist (30) led the Commodores in tackles in his first year of starting as a junior.

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Field of Dreams

With the daunting task ahead of establishing themselves as perennial SEC contenders, the Commodores need their 12th man — the fans — to re-create an imposing home field advantage that served them well in big wins over South Carolina and Auburn last year. This year, the team needs your support like never before. And remember, worst case scenario, it is still a sequel. Maybe Megan Fox will show.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt Stadium never rocked harder than it did the night of Oct. 4, when the Commodores knocked off Auburn to move to 5-0.

Mr. Smith goes to Vanderbilt

As much of a threat as departed starter Chris Nickson was on the ground, his arm didn't exactly strike fear into the hearts of Commodore opponents. Enter Larry Smith, a redshirt sophomore with enough speed, arm strength and potential to become the best Vandy quarterback since Jay Cutler. Impressive showings against Wake Forest and Boston College only raised expectations for Alabama's former Mr. Football, who figures to keep getting better this season. Still bound for playing time is redshirt senior Mackenzi Adams, a cool cucumber with an ability to rally his teammates in a pinch.



OLIVER WOLFE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Larry Smith has shown enormous potential at quarterback.

Commodore soccer gets fresh perspective

by **LIBBY MARDEN**
Contributing Reporter

A son-to-be for coach Ronnie Woodard is not the only new addition to the women's soccer team this year. The squad sports new coaches, players and attitudes that could very well mark the beginning of a new era for the Commodores.

One new feature expected to contribute to the Commodores' success is freshman playmaker — and Olympian — Chelsea Stewart. Stewart, who took almost a year off from school to play for the Canadian national team, is one of seven promising freshmen recruited to create a more dynamic Vanderbilt team and help boost the Dores to the elusive top of the Southeastern Conference.

"We're just focusing on one

step at a time," Stewart said, "We need to use (each game) as building blocks to get to the SEC, but I definitely think we can compete with them and be able to come out on top."

To set a high standard, the Commodores turn to their dynamic duo, twins Megan and Molly Kinsella. The juniors have brought depth and balance to the team for the past two years and now carry a weapon even more lethal: experience.

"Last year, I felt like there were so many teams where we were like, 'Oh my God, that was a game that got away,'" said Molly Kinsella, an All-SEC player in 2008.

Like their fellow upperclassmen, the Kinsellas have a long memory. Last year, the team started the season 5-0 before descending into a

downward spiral against fellow SEC teams, ultimately finishing the season at 9-8-2, with a conference record of 3-7-1, although five of those losses came by only one goal.

This year, the team returns with a chip on its shoulder.

"Now it's about getting the results we deserve," Molly Kinsella said. "A lot of revenge on a lot of SEC teams. ... We're not looking back on mistakes we made last year. This is a whole new team, so it's just like, let's go out there and play well."

The shift in mentality has come in part after the coaching staff called in a sports psychologist to help the team set their season goals and push themselves mentally further.

So far, so good. The Commodores won their season opener on Aug. 22 with a 2-1

home victory over St. Louis.

Sophomore Candace West sees the difference.

"We are holding each other accountable now," she said.

The Commodores look to on-field leadership from senior Megan Forester, who shares the responsibility of guiding a young team with fellow senior Lindsay Ratterman, who was sidelined by a knee injury earlier this year.

"The freshmen are pushing the upperclassmen to keep their spots," Forester said. "We are different this year. ... We have higher expectations now."

Among the changes, Forester is sure of one thing: Vanderbilt fans can expect a stronger, tougher and more well-rounded team this season.

"There is a new mentality," she said. "We are starting a whole new tradition this year." ■



FRANCIS SIMPSON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Lindsay Ratterman is recovering from a knee injury earlier this year.

Soccer mom steps aside, Vandy seeks weekend sweep



LIBBY MARDEN / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt head soccer coach Ronnie Woodard, pictured here with Megan Kinsella, is expecting her first child within the next few days.

by **DANIEL MARKS**
Contributing Reporter

Assistant women's soccer coach Cristin Czubik finally got her chance to lead the team. But that experience will be over in just a few weeks.

After seven years at the helm of the women's soccer program, coach Ronnie Woodard is taking a break ... temporarily. Woodard, in her eighth year at the helm of the Commodores, is nine months pregnant and expecting her first child within the coming days. As this soccer mom steps aside to take care of her son, Czubik will step in along with goalkeeper coach Eric Vaughtner.

"This year will be a little different for me," Czubik said. "I'll be more active on the field, in the trenches with the girls as opposed to on the sidelines. Ronnie's got a good set-up these days in her chair in the shade, so me and Eric are really in charge of being there in practice and motivating the girls."

Czubik has been a part of not only Vanderbilt soccer for the past decade but also neighboring Belmont soccer. She played for

the Nashville school for four seasons, setting records for career assists (31) and career points (75) before joining the Commodore staff as a volunteer coach who ran summer camps, eventually becoming a full-time assistant coach three years ago.

Junior Molly Kinsella said she's noticed a change under Czubik.

"I feel we're doing everything different. There's just a totally different energy with Ronnie about to have her baby and Czubik coaching us," Kinsella said. "So the coaching's different, the locker room's different, we have a sports psychologist coming in, so there's just a totally different energy. I feel like it's a completely different atmosphere."

The change in the coaching box is not expected to be an earth-shattering move, though, since the coaching staff has made preparations to keep everyone on the same page.

"We know the roles of the girls, we know their strengths and weaknesses, we have a depth chart," Czubik said. "The transition once Ronnie goes into labor and when she's

ready to come back will be really fluid. She'll stay involved even when she's not here."

Czubik said her experience on the staff and familiarity with Woodard's goals will help ease the transition. And she knows the mom-to-be won't be far away.

"Ronnie hopes to attend every practice and games, as much as her body will permit," Czubik said, "and obviously we will be in constant communication with her."

The Commodores enter the weekend with a 1-0 record after a 2-1 opening victory over Saint Louis on Aug. 22 at the VU Soccer Complex.

They host Mercer (1-0) Friday night at 7 p.m. and follow that game with a match against Murray State (0-1) on Sunday, hoping to get off to a fast start for the second year in a row. Last season the Commodores won their first five games before struggling in conference play.

This season, the Commodores play their first five games in the friendly confines before hitting the road to visit Texas Tech and Missouri. ■

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