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Dual threat

Not yet 20, star midfielder and dual citizen Chelsea Stewart played on two different national teams before making her Vanderbilt debut last week.

by MEGHAN ROSE
Asst. Sports Editor

Watching freshman midfielder Chelsea Stewart take the field in Vanderbilt's first three games, it's hard to believe that she's seeing her first official action as a Commodore. Making her collegiate debut in Vanderbilt's perfect 3-0 start, Stewart's soccer experience can be described as anything but freshman.

Stewart notched her first goal of the season in Vanderbilt's 4-0 win over Murray State on Sunday afternoon.

Only a few short weeks ago, Stewart was donning a red and white uniform, playing for the Canadian women's U-20 soccer team. The freshman's dual citizenship allowed her to attend training camp during her senior year of high school and begin playing for the team shortly thereafter.

With a year and a half of international experience under her belt to date, Stewart was invited to join the Canadian national team as an alternate in the Beijing Olympics last August. Stewart was able to witness the best soccer play in the world as the Canadians took eighth place.

"Although she is young in age, she is really not young in experience," said coach Ronnie Woodard. "Her international experience — playing with the U-20 team, the U.S. U-17 team, and the full Canadian national team — makes her not quite a freshman for us."

While the 19-year-old had originally committed to attending and playing soccer at Vanderbilt last fall, Stewart took the fall

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H1N1: Explaining the numbers

Confirmed and possible influenza cases can give misleading ideas about the spread of the virus, doctor says.

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Dr. Louise Hanson, medical director of student health services, advises students to be careful when using numbers to quantify the spread of H1N1, especially the number of confirmations, which are from cases sent for testing days if not weeks earlier.

"It's not a way to mark severity or panic level or alert level," Hanson said. "The way we do that is through the practical stuff that everybody knows: How sick are people? How many people are in class? How many faculty and staff are missing work? How many sick people are we seeing every day?"

And the number of influenza-like illnesses, or ILIs, may also be muddled now that the university has tested positive for its first case of seasonal influenza.

"Aug. 20 was the case, and the typical time we see confirmation would be Oct. 1," Hanson said. "We were hoping for the two

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What do the numbers mean?

CONFIRMED:
It takes about two weeks to get a case confirmed, Hanson said, so by the time we know for sure that the illness was H1N1, that person is already healthy again.

INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESS (ILI):
The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention define an ILI as a "fever (temperature of 100°F or greater) and a cough and/or a sore throat in the absence of a known cause other than influenza." But as Hanson points out, an ILI, especially as we get further into the year, could be any number of infectious diseases.

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Code-breaking course combines math, mystery in the classroom

by RUTH KINSEY
Asst. News Editor

Vanderbilt is helping students to become the next Sherlock Holmes.

A code-breaking class, titled "Cryptography: the History and Mathematics of Codes and Code-breaking," was offered this summer as part of Vanderbilt's Master of Liberal Arts and Science program, which is aimed at adult learners returning to the university classroom.

The class not only taught students how to create and break different codes and ciphers using mathematical processes, but also covered the history of code-breaking from the ciphers used by Julius Caesar to the encryption codes used today in

electronic commerce.

At the end of the summer, a different kind of final put students' skills to the test. A scavenger hunt, incorporating all the codes, ciphers and mathematical ideas studied during the semester, led students around campus and finally to the finishing location: TGI Friday's. There, a meal and the prize — a spray-painted cat in a treasure chest — greeted students.

"It's the most fun I've had in a long time," said Lacy Tite, a student in the class, "but you definitely had to use the methods of decryption we learned about. If we had done the hunt at the beginning of the semester, I think most of us would still be

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Signing up for another listserv



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Habitat for Humanity was one of numerous groups out at the Student Organization Fair on Friday afternoon on The Commons. The weekend marked the conclusion of the CommonVU orientation program for freshmen.

NEWS

How well has VSG President Wyatt Smith been doing on the rest of his platform?

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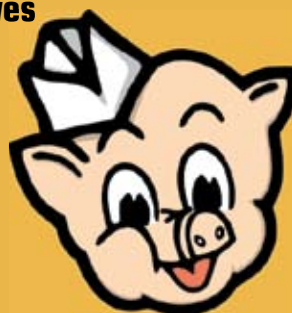
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compiled by LAURA DOLBOW

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TODAY



HIGH **80**, LOW **56**
Sunny

THURSDAY



HIGH **81**, LOW **59**
Sunny

FRIDAY



HIGH **60**, LOW **82**
Partly cloudy

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SNAPSHOTS

What are your thoughts about H1N1 being on campus?

"I've had the flu many times, and I don't want to get it again. I'm definitely going to get the shot."
— Kelsey Anderson, 2012

"I really like my hand sanitizer they gave me."
— Kate Williams, 2012

"I don't feel that threatened. My brother is a doctor, and he told me as long as I stay home and get fluids, I should be fine. I just don't want to get it because I would have to miss a week of classes."
— Seyi Sebore, 2011

"Ahhhhhhhh!"
— Lena Z., 2010

"Tons of people die every year from regular flu, so I don't think it's that big of a deal."
— Cole Garrett, 2012

CRIME LOG

Friday, Aug. 28, 4:45 a.m. — Fire extinguisher discharged at Alpha Epsilon Pi house.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 10:30 p.m. — Person assaulted with a knife at Fannie Mae Park on Blakemore and 24th Avenue South.

Thursday, Aug. 27, 2:29 a.m. — Two persons claiming to be fraternity members tried to steal a refrigerator from the basement at the Sigma Chi house. The intoxicated driver was stopped after fleeing the scene in an SUV.

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 1:50 p.m. — Cash stolen from a purse in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Joel Tellinghuisen
Chemistry department
34 years at Vanderbilt



LAURA DOLBOW/The Vanderbilt Hustler

Professor Joel Tellinghuisen holds a spectra of the iodine 129 he discovered. His work with spectra helped spark his excitement for chemistry.

- 1. What classes do you teach?**
Chemistry 236: Physical Chemistry Lab, Coordinator for General Chemistry recitation, Coordinator for Undergraduate Research in Chemistry department
- 2. What's your favorite place in Nashville?**
The Cumberland River. I love to go fishing there.
- 3. What do you like to do in your free time?**
Fishing, camping, outdoors stuff
- 4. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?**
I did my undergraduate at Cornell and went to graduate school at California, Berkeley.
- 5. What did you research for your Ph.D.?**
Photochemistry of iodine
- 6. What are your academic interests for research now?**
Statistics of data analysis. I use the method of least squares to analyze data. It's mostly computer work.
- 7. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?**
Water, a boat and an umbrella
- 8. What was your first job?**
I sold greeting cards at Christmas time.
- 9. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**
The original social activist: Jesus Christ. I would want to talk to him about how to apply his social activism to the problems we confront today.
- 10. Why did you decide to become a professor?**
I always liked the academic setting. My father was a professor of vocal music, so I grew up being on a campus a lot. Teaching allowed me to stay connected to things on a more fundamental level than purely research.
- 11. How did you develop an interest in your area of study?**
I worked for a physical chemist at Berkeley, and I inherited some projects. He made me take spectra, and I ended up discovering a new state of iodine 129. Other people had worked on it before, but I was able to find the clearest spectra yet. As I stared solving the puzzle, I caught fire and was full of excitement. The feeling that you're the first to do something, especially something others got wrong, creates a thirst for more.
- 12. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
This is your time of opportunity. Teach yourself how to learn.
- 13. Do you have any hidden talents?**
I have sung all my life. I spent the summer of 1964 in East Berlin, and at one point sang Beatles songs on a stage with a group of European Beatles wannabes. I currently sing in the Belmont United Methodist Church choir.
- 14. What's something that your students don't know about you?**
A few years ago, I was mugged on my bicycle on the way to work. When I ran away from the man, I fell on my face after a few steps. It motivated me to get physically fit. Now I am in better shape than I was in college. I made the goal of being able to do 100 push ups because in college I could not do more than 99 without collapsing. It took me nine months, but I can now do 100 push ups.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

TODAY

- **Welcome to Nashville fair**
The event, to be held from 3-6 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom, will bring over 40 local companies to campus.
- **2013 showcase auditions**
VU Theatre wants to showcase the talent of the Class of 2013. No preparation is necessary. Auditions will be in Neely Auditorium 106 from 4-6 p.m.
- **Engineering study abroad info session**
Learn where engineering students can study around the world. The meeting will be in Featheringill Hall 134 from 5-6 p.m.
- **Mock Trial interest meeting**
Vanderbilt Mock Trial will host an interest meeting from 5-6 p.m. in Buttrick 205. Undergraduate students interested in auditioning for the 2009-2010 mock trial competition teams should attend to receive audition materials.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 1

- **Blood drive and bone marrow, organ and tissue registry**
The event will be held in room 2701 of the Vanderbilt Clinic from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments strongly recommended for blood donation and are available every 15 minutes. Make your appointment online by logging onto: www.givelife.org and enter sponsor code: vandy19.
- **Meet the LGBTQI student organizations**
Meet representatives from six LGBTQI student organizations at the K.C. Potter Center on 213 West Side Row from 3-5 p.m.

SNAPSHOT

A Blue and White weekend



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Zeta Phi Betas got into the theme of their blue and white weekend, "Somedays I wish I was a kid again," by playing games and blowing bubbles on Alumni Lawn on Saturday afternoon.

Join us during Family Weekend on October 3 for the Taste of Nashville Picnic

Time

TBD - Start time will precede or follow the game based on final game time.



Location

Olin Lawn

Join Vanderbilt families at the tents on Olin Lawn for music, family-friendly activities and Southern food. Some of the area's top caterers will be offering Tennessee pulled pork barbecue and vegetable plates, fried chicken tenders and lemonade. The picnic is open to everyone. Cash only.



Featured vendors include Smoothie King, Otter's Chicken Tenders, and Golden Rule.



WELCOME TO NASHVILLE FAIR



AUGUST 31 FROM 3 TO 6 STUDENT LIFE CENTER BALLROOM STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MEET YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR TONS OF DOOR PRIZES AND VENDOR GIVEAWAYS

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.

1. ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 8GB IPOD (UP TO \$1,899 VALUE)
2. ATHLETES HOUSE
3. BELL PARTNERS APARTMENT MANAGEMENT
4. BANK OF AMERICA, PORTABLE DVD PLAYER
5. BIG BANG,
6. BRENTWOOD DOWNS, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
7. BRUEGGER'S BAGLES
8. CABANA, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
9. CAROL G'S SALON, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
10. COLLEGEBOOKRENTER.COM, 2 \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATES
11. CORNERSTONE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION, \$100 VISA GIFT CARD
12. COSMETIC MARKET, \$500 GIFT BASKET
13. CROSSINGS OF BELLEVUE, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
14. CVS PHARMACY, \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE AND A DELUXE FIRST AID KIT
15. DEAN OF STUDENTS FILM PROGRAM, BELCOURT T-SHIRT, 2 -1YR MEMBRSHIPS FOR FRIST CENTER FOR THE ARTS
16. DORMESTICS
17. EYE CANDY SALON, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR SERVICES ONLY
18. FIFTH THIRD BANK
19. FIRST TENNESSEE BANK
20. F.Y.E., \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE
21. GRAYLINE TOURS, 5-HOUR CHARTER ON A 56-PASSENGER BUS (\$525 VALUE)
22. GREAT ESCAPE, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
23. HAURY AND SMITH
24. ICON IN THE GULCH, IKEA SLEEPER SOFA
25. JET'S PIZZA
26. KAPLIN TEST PREP, FREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR A KAPLAN PREP COURSE
27. LEAN PERSONAL TRAINING, 3 PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING SESSIONS (\$120 VALUE)
28. LIVESCRIBE, PULSE SMARTPEN
29. LOFT SALON, FREE HAIR COLOR AND CUT
30. MACKE'S RESTAURANT, BRUNCH FOR 4
31. MARINE CORPS, GRAB BAG OF LOGO SHIRTS & WATER BOTTLE
32. NASHVILLE CAB, \$200 CAB CASH
33. PIZZA HUT, 15 GIFT CERTIFICATES
34. QDOBA, CATERED HOT TACO BAR FOR 20
35. SELKIN LASER CENTER
36. SEMESTER AT SEA, COFFEE TABLE BOOK
37. SPRINT, BLACKBERRY CURVE INFERNO PHONE
38. SUN TAN CITY, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
39. SUNSET GRILL, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR SUNSET OR MIDTOWN
40. T-MOBILE, BLACKBERRY PHONE AND A BLUETOOTH HEADSET
41. TPAC,
42. TRUE BLUE SALON
43. VANDERBILT DENTAL
44. VANDERBILT DONATE LIFE
45. VANDERBILT EYE INSTITUTE
46. VANDERBILT WOMEN'S HEALTHCARE
47. VELOCITY IN THE GULCH, SLEEPER SOFA
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H1N1: Numbers may not tell the best story

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waves of seasonal and H1N1 not to overlap, but it looks like they are."

Hanson said the bulk of seasonal flu cases are expected to come between Oct. 1 and March 30, the official flu season, but the early confirmation means the flu season could be starting much earlier, giving students another reason to make sure they wash their hands or use hand sanitizer to help prevent the spread of both influenzas.

H1N1, the strain of influenza A commonly referred to as swine flu, is no worse than seasonal influenza, Hanson said, with both viruses causing similar symptoms and infected people recovering within a few days. Both viruses are easily spread when infected people cough or sneeze or when someone touches a contaminated surface and then touches their nose or mouth.

The 2009 strain of H1N1 is believed to have its origins in Mexico when a routine surveillance noticed the virus's emergence, Hanson said.

The state testing service that confirms or disproves an influenza-like illness (ILI) as H1N1 is a surveillance service that goes on year-round, regardless of what viruses or diseases are popular at any given time, Hanson said. The service takes virus samples from a selection of health-care providers across the state to monitor where new infections are emerging, if old viruses are changing and track the emergence of seasonal viruses.

"The purpose of these confirmations

is not to individually care for students or any patient or individually care for a community," Hanson said. "The purpose of the broader goals is looking for infections, looking for resistance, looking for new mutations, looking for what else is out there."

Hanson added that the date assigned to the Student Health Center to send swabs to the state is Monday, so only students who are seen then have a

Also skewing the ILI number is the fact that not all cases of flu-like illnesses such as colds or mono are picked up on right away because of the limitations of some of the tests, Hanson said, and they could mistakenly be classified as ILIs.

"I would say right now a good percentage of our ILIs are influenza," Hanson said. "As we go forward, it's going to be hard to quantify that, and

That trend was consistent with most of the nation. For the week ending Aug. 22, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported influenza activity declined or remained stable throughout the majority of America — with the exception of the Southeast, where activity was apparently increasing and outpatient ILI numbers were elevated.

The prospective path the virus will take is something no one is sure of yet,

chancellor for student affairs and the director of the student health service telling students they should not need medical care unless they presented extreme symptoms, saying that the student health center had been "overloaded" with a demand for treatment from people with "extremely mild symptoms." And as of yesterday morning, KU's flu alert was still "urging" students with mild flu-like symptoms to call the health center rather than coming in, a policy to which Hanson said Vanderbilt's student health center likely would never resort.

"I think we would rather, as need demands, increase staff, increase our hours and accommodate students," Hanson said. "We would rather lay our eyes on them. ... You run the risk of missing things that aren't influenza. If we assume every fever is influenza, we'll run the risk of making mistakes. My philosophy is we will change our operations to meet the needs. We would never tell people not to come in."

Hanson said Student Health has been a little busier for this time of year, but not much more than normal.

"You've got to keep in mind there are a lot of other infectious diseases going around," Hanson said, adding that they were also having more students coming in for basic immunizations.

Hanson said it's preferable for students to call in advance for an appointment to allow Student Health to serve them more efficiently but said they'd see everyone who walked in as well. ■

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—Dr. Louise Hanson, medical director of student health services

chance to be tested by the state for any infectious disease or virus.

"To use those numbers as a marker of a community's wellness or un-wellness is not good," Hanson said, "because it's a very biased, unrepresentative sample of what may be going on in our community."

She said for now the best way to quantifiably track the progression of H1N1 is to look at the number of ILIs — but still to do so with caution.

"Admittedly, not all those patients will have the flu, but most probably are right now. That will shift this winter when we see more seasonal (flu) and ... more regular stuff like colds, strep, mono."

we're going to see a lot of other stuff too, like we always do."

Vanderbilt reported 52 ILIs last Thursday. In-state rival University of Tennessee may have about 100 cases of suspected H1N1 flu, the Associated Press reported late last week, and Georgia Tech was up over 150.

Mississippi State's flu watch Web site said the university had 306 probable cases of H1N1 as of last Friday. At the University of Kansas, 284 students were sick at the end of the work week, The Kansas City Star reported, but the article also noted that the number of new cases was dropping from 73 reported last Wednesday to 59 on Thursday and 44 on Friday.

Hanson said.

"H1N1 is a new issue," she said. "We don't know if it's going to plug along at low to moderate levels year-round; we don't know if we'll see a big spike like we do with seasonal."

"I think most people believe there will be this initial surge again in the fall because of the lack of immunity in our community, and that over time it will settle down again and it may have that ebb and flow like seasonal (flu). It may have those low levels and just stay there. Eventually your community becomes immune, people become vaccinated. ... We just don't know yet."

At UT-Knoxville last week, an e-mail was sent to students from the vice

CODE-BREAKING: Course could be a seminar

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out there trying to figure it out!"

Using unorthodox methods for a course's final is not that unusual in the MLAS program. Many MLAS courses have a practical component, involving visits to places of interest and a chance for the students to gain a real life look at what they are studying.

"The course on opera involved attending dress rehearsals and speaking with the director and performers at the Nashville Opera, for example," said Martin Rapisarda, associate dean and director of the MLAS program.

The code-breaking class was more popular than most MLAS classes with a total of 18 students, compared to the average of 12. Derek Bruff, a senior lecturer in mathematics, assistant director of the Center for Teaching and the creator of this course, attributes this to the class's blend of history, mathematics and current events, as well as to the fun nature of the class.

"There's an appeal to cracking a code that made the class fun," Bruff said. "It's a nice feeling of accomplishment when you crack a code and figure out the secret message all on your own."

Bruff wants undergrads to experience a hands-on, multi-disciplinary learning approach, too. He intends to propose the course as a first-year writing seminar for the 2010-2011 academic year.

"Given the twin focus on math and history as well as the big questions we discussed in class, I think it would work well as a writing seminar," Bruff said. "I often find that undergrads aren't always as up on current events — such as national security issues relevant to this course — as adult learners, but this would be a useful way to help undergrads connect their coursework to the outside world."

Although many students were first attracted to the class due to its multi-disciplinary nature, they soon realized they could apply the class to their everyday lives.

"I'm a web developer and designer for Vanderbilt," Tite said. "As I deal with online security and encryption in my job, learning about the foundations of cryptography leading up to the most sophisticated encryption techniques in use today was very applicable." ■



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Duarte and Smith: Co-hosting in the Spotlight

Seniors Fabiani Duarte (left) and Wyatt Smith, Vanderbilt Student Government president, co-emceed the Spotlight event on Friday night in Langford Auditorium. Various performing arts groups took the stage for a few minutes at a time, and Duarte and Smith kept the three-hour show rolling with some humor.

Checking in on VSG: Platform initiatives

During election season, Vanderbilt Student Government candidates always say they will do a lot of big things. But how often do those actually happen? We checked in with President Wyatt Smith and Vice President Lori Murphy to see how they've been keeping up with their promises.

by **HANNAH TWILLMAN**
Editor-in-Chief

PLATFORM INITIATIVES

While some promises like the InformVU text messaging system and an additional VandyVan didn't come to fruition, improvements in every category of student life have either already been made or will be by the end of the semester.

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Web site redesign

"We have a goal of making the organization more transparent first off, but also more responsive to student needs," Smith said. As part of this initiative, VSG's Web site was completely redesigned over the summer. Launched shortly before classes started, the new site includes an area that will focus on projects the organization is working, video messages from Smith and Murphy, RSS feeds to InsideVandy.com, links to VSG's Twitter and Facebook pages and sections to streamline the application processes for both the Co-Sponsorship of the Month program and eventually AcFee.

Residential updates

Smith and Murphy had promised improvements to upperclass residential areas by updating the bathrooms, increasing access to kitchen areas and adding picnic tables. Now, Branscomb Quadrangle residents have 24-hour card access to kitchens. Ice machines are available on a trial basis in Branscomb and in Mims Hall in Kissam Quadrangle. Morgan and Lewis houses and Carmichael Towers showers have increased water pressure, and DVD players have been added to all campus common areas.

Student safety

To increase safety around campus, the team proposed having an area online where students could suggest areas that need additional lighting. Smith said they plan to have the option to submit on the VSG Web site before fall break. Murphy said once requests are submitted, VUPD will have to go to the proposed site and assess the need of additional lighting on their own. If the area is accepted, then more energy efficient and less costly LED lighting will be installed.

Non-emergency text messaging

A non-emergency version of AlertVU, Smith wanted to implement an InformVU notification system to send text messages to notify registered users about events like power outages. While Smith said it is "still a part of the conversation," the system is ultimately run by VUPD, which was not willing to incorporate the new non-emergency system.

Additional VandyVan

Instead of adding an additional VandyVan, last year's Commons route was turned into a reverse route with all the same stops except at Kissam Quadrangle. Instead, a Kissam stop was added to the direct route so three of the four vans still go to the area. VSG will continue to work with Plant Operations to post the different routes at the various stops around campus throughout the fall semester. ■

Opinion

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Knowledge and senior stardom



WILL RATLIFF

Guest Columnist

When I arrived at Vanderbilt my freshman year, a wise upperclassman told me, "Welcome to college. You spend 15 hours a week in class. The rest of the time, you actually do your learning." Being a naive freshman, I brushed off his comment as another advertisement for office hours and late night studying. Now, after spending a summer or two weaning myself into the real world at an office desk every day, I finally understand what he was saying. Honestly, you forget a lot of what you learn in the classroom just days after the final exam. But the college existence itself is one of the most important learning experiences in your life. And you will never get another like it. Forever. Sound serious? It is.

Having finally achieved senior status, I now feel qualified to share with you the knowledge I've gained over the past three years. The social and life skills I learned in Branscomb still hold true: Sure you can mess with your roommate, but expect repercussions. Also, don't puke in the sink. Stuff like that. In addition to these skills, you get friends, memories and a lifestyle that will not be available a few years down the road.

In the real world... a Quiznos' chicken carbonara sub combo costs \$8. It's terrible.

My point is this: Cherish the freedom that college allows for you. Feel free to hold on to what makes Vanderbilt meaningful. Whether it is the beloved frat castle, a long lost roommate from years past or even the delicious Quiznos chicken carbonara sub, cherish the privileges and freedoms of the college student. Take time away from your studies, your LSAT/MCAT/internship/etc. duties and let yourself live in the moment. Hit up Sportsman's on a Tuesday night, go canoeing down the Harpeth River while it's still warm outside, watch an entire season of "Entourage" in an afternoon. Just do what makes you happy. There's no stigma for the upperclassmen 15. I'm not saying that academia and student involvement should be neglected. Obviously school is important. But don't let it overwhelm you.

There are endless "words of wisdom" and "pieces of advice" that help structure your life and get you ready for the challenges of our university and beyond. But there needs to be more information available on how to enjoy this experience before four years pass and you're stuck in the real world wishing you had taken more time to be carefree in college. In college, it's OK to make mistakes. In fact, it's a little bizarre if your college experience is free of obstacles. You won't get fired for missing a class (gasp). The real world is less forgiving. In the real world there's no stylish new Vandy Card, and a Quiznos' chicken carbonara sub combo costs \$8. It's terrible.

Five years from now, when asked by a co-worker about my time spent at Vanderbilt, I want to say I remember every month (save for a few nights) of every four years of my college life. Mostly, I want to remember my time outside of the classroom. Of course I want a diploma and a resume to show for my time here. But I want to have memories of the friends and the adventures I've had, not of Stevenson Library. Wherever your college path takes you, know that right now you are living the dream.

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We are not ready for universal health care



FRANNIE BOYLE

Columnist

I just have a few questions for those who have already been swept up in the idea of universal health care:

Is full coverage the problem or is it access to healthcare?

Quality health care is currently a scarce resource. Due to costs and a smaller number of people who seek medical occupations, the U.S. cannot provide care to all people that demand it. Even if all citizens received coverage, not all would have the privilege of getting served. Rather than let the market determine such things, the government would get to choose who gets care and who doesn't. It is natural that demand for coverage will go up as well with access becoming even scarcer. Then we could say goodbye to things like the uninsured emergency room service we have become so accustomed to in the U.S.

Why has the focus been taken off Tort Reform?

President Obama has touched on wasteful spending and less efficient hospital procedures, but there is much more contributing to high medical costs. The time and money required to enter the health profession is currently through the roof, and the cost of keeping a practice is nearly impossible due to malpractice suits. Before diving in to revamp the entire system, the government should assess current flaws, find solutions and pave the way for more reasonable health care reforms in the future.

Do you like it when your mother annoys you about weight gain at college?

Well, what if your government did the same thing? Under universal coverage, the government will have

the right to tell you not to smoke, drink or eat excessively. They will be able to tell you how to exercise and what you should eat. If not the government, then you will hear from all members of U.S. society paying your medical bills. Being held accountable is never a bad thing, but there is something dangerous in letting the government do it for us.

At the same time, should we be held responsible for those who lead unhealthy lives?

As future Vanderbilt graduates, many of us are hoping to bring home big salaries. This means that every day we spend in class is another day preparing us to foot the bill for America's problems. Yeah, the single mom with three kids will finally have to stop worrying about the next doctor's visit that could put her over the edge, but that heart-attack-prone, 289-pound woman will also be able to sleep easier about the five Krispy Kremes she had for breakfast.

Is it too soon?

Reforming the whole health care system will be pricey. It promises to relieve long-term costs by yielding a healthier population, but now is not the time to revamp the entire system. There are flaws, yes, but we just don't have enough money and Americans have yet to be given a clear health care plan in a language they can understand. The health care system has been shambles for a while now. It wouldn't hurt to wait a few more years while our economy picks up and options are truly weighed. The U.S. does not need another failed government-controlled system.

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The new Common experience



DANIELLE PORTUGAL

Guest Columnist

The heat begins to subside, summer internships and travel excursions come to an end, and the bells at Kirkland Hall begin to ring. School has finally begun. First-year students must say their first goodbyes to their friends and family at home as they embark on new journeys.

Hundreds of Vanderbilt sophomores welcomed first-year students to The Commons with screams and cheers. Move-in day flies by like a burst of wind, and at 5:30 p.m. that evening, the CommonVU orientation program has already begun.

For the next week, Vanderbilt's first-year students became acquainted with campus life. Orientation began as early as 8:30 a.m. and doesn't end until as late as 11 p.m. When classes begin on Wednesday, first-year students still attended evening programs to further their knowledge of Vanderbilt. These programs offered information about their residence halls, religious services, Vanderbilt Visions, academics, pre-major overviews, the Honor Code, the Writing Studio, Greek life, "true life" at Vanderbilt, clubs and organizations, and the city of Nashville. This never-ending list of programs may have seemed a little overwhelming at first. Has the CommonVU program succeeded in helping Vanderbilt students become acclimated to college life? Or is it simply too prolonged?

As a first-year student, I have experienced the CommonVU program for about a week now. I must say that the only thing missing from the program is that first-year students aren't given a hardcopy of their schedule that they can bring to class. Yes, students are changing around their schedules, but when OASIS was down, many first-year students didn't know where to go to get to their next class. As a first-year student trying to be responsible, I copied my schedule from OASIS to a separate piece of paper. I wrote down the time and location of each class and kept hold of the schedule like it was my most-valued possession. Unfortunately, I later realized that I miscopied a class from OASIS and put it on the wrong day on my schedule. I missed my first and only class that week. What a great way to kick off freshman year!

I can blame the CommonVU program as much as I want for my own mistake, but I must say when it comes down to it, Vanderbilt's orientation program has really helped me adjust to campus life. Sure, the hours are long and sometimes I'd rather be socializing with my new friends or studying for one of my classes than spending hours upon hours learning about seemingly trivial aspects of the Vanderbilt community. However, without these programs, my freshman status would definitely get the best of me, and I would be completely lost. The CommonVU program allowed me to fully experience all that Vanderbilt has to offer.

As monotonous as orientation programs seem to be, the living and learning experience that freshmen are becoming familiar with is truly invaluable. The enthusiasm that upperclassmen and professors show to first-year students on campus is simply unmatched and allows first-year students to feel at ease. Between the friendships that form, the remarkable professors who welcome freshmen to campus and the unique programs that Vanderbilt offers, Vanderbilt first-year students enter an exciting world of new beginnings.

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Fight the swine flu



JESSE JONES

Guest Columnist

One glaring omission from the Hustler's Survival Guide is a guide to surviving the swine flu. With more than 60 probable or confirmed cases at Vandy, you're probably wondering: What can I do to limit exposure to this potentially fatal illness? Thankfully, I care enough about your health to sacrifice my few inches of column space to share with you some common knowledge on fighting this deadly virus.

First, eliminate any and all contact with pork and pork products. That means no more ham, bacon or trips to the fair. Sad, I know, but strictly necessary unless you have a death wish.

Avoid unprotected sex with an infected individual. Indeed, since virus particles are so small they can swim through the pores of a condom, abstinence is recommended, but if you must engage in this decadent activity, use of a condom will cut transmission rates.

Clothing has been responsible for a number of confirmed cases of swine flu. Do not trade clothes with a friend, shop at Goodwill or buy clothing made in Indonesia. Used books also present a hazard; only buy certified books from your campus bookstore. If you have come into possession of any questionable clothing or books, incineration is recommended. For the benefit of the health of the student body, Student Health has scheduled bonfires on Alumni Lawn and Peabody Lawn next Friday night.

Hazing can bring one into close contact with others and should therefore be avoided. However, several forms of hazing are still acceptable and even encouraged. Jumping over fires has been known to incinerate virus particles and binge drinking has been found to incapacitate the virus for up to 24 hours. Always on the lookout for a cure, swine flu researchers have encouraged Greeks to be especially creative this pledge season.

If any of your friends is swine flu positive, don't panic. Though your first reaction may be to comfort him or her, do NOT make any rash decisions. It is recommended to ignore the infected individual for at least a couple months to allow the illness to run its course. Sadly, since swine flu can resurface at any time without warning, to ensure complete protection, it may be prudent to terminate the relationship.

In fact, you are putting yourself at risk even by standing in the same room as an infected individual. Since carriers in their infectious stage show little or no symptoms, it would be wise to limit contact with humans whenever possible. Stay in your room all day, skip meals and cut class so you will maximize your chances of having a productive and healthy semester.

If all else fails, get vaccinated, wash your hands, strap on your masks and pray for divine protection.

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Goodbye and good riddance to the old OASIS



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Columnist

Last Thursday, Vanderbilt students got the news they've been waiting for since the first time they used OASIS — a new class registration program is on the horizon. As great as this news is, Vanderbilt could go a step farther and make this change more meaningful by revamping the registration process as a whole.

It should come as no surprise that the dinosaur of all registration programs is on its way out. If Vanderbilt Student Government needs to send an email to the whole student body detailing how not to overload OASIS, then it's pretty obvious that the program is outdated, ineffective and useless. I say good riddance to this stupid program which has had the net effect of making students' lives harder instead of easier, and I applaud VSG for sticking to its word and replacing the system.

Still, Vandy students will have to contend with OASIS for one more semester, and there is one way the administration could improve the experience. The "class rolls" option, which was available on the school's website until last year, could be brought back in order to reduce the amount of traffic on OASIS. This

option allowed students to print out a copy of their schedules (which included room numbers and a nice tabular setup), and students could also look at a list of their classmates.

The advantages are obvious: Students can view their schedules without clogging up the 250-member capacity OASIS, and they can actually print out their schedules (personally, I can never get OASIS to do this). Also, for those of us whose teachers may not be tech-savvy enough to set up OAK for their classes, a list of classmates is available for purposes of contacting for help or stalking on Facebook. Actually, it doesn't make sense that this valuable tool disappeared in the first place.

I think it's important to think about what really makes OASIS a hassle, though. Yes, it's an ancient program that was probably invented when we were in middle school, but maybe the real problem is the way Vanderbilt conducts registration.

Many schools have a registration process that runs more smoothly than ours does. At these institutions, registration is tapered by grade, giving upperclassmen priority status and avoiding overloading registration programs. Students at these schools can discover instantly whether or not they are

enrolled in a class, as opposed to here where we find out two or three weeks before the semester starts, giving us less time to wheedle our way into the classes we need to fulfill AXLE or major requirements.

Additionally, this sort of registration process would allow students to shop around more for deals on books rather than having to rely solely on the bookstore; having two months versus two weeks can ensure that students get the most bang for their buck (as long as the professors actually let them know what books they need, of course).

However, these schools do not necessarily have a "course request period," which may make it more difficult to predict what classes and how many sections of each class to offer. Additionally, students who aren't dead set on their classes would probably be at a disadvantage as well.

Our registration process obviously has a lot of advantages and disadvantages. Replacing OASIS makes the process much easier on students, but it is not necessarily a cure-all solution for registration problems.

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Godless is not guideless



SOO YANG
Guest Columnist

Vanderbilt students are fairly religious. It becomes pretty obvious in the first week of school when all the faith-based organizations lure freshmen with free food and bless every tree on campus with informational posters about their clubs. In fact, for the last few days, I have never been so conscious of my godlessness and never felt so certain of my predestined afterlife in eternal fire of the Underworld. At least I will get to meet Galileo, Darwin and Bill Maher.

Without a doubt, the free market of religion at Vanderbilt is strong and thriving. Especially among the undergraduates, the religious scene is very much infused with the mainstream culture.

Although the school is located in the heart of Jesus-land, the religious community on campus shows remarkable diversity in traditions of faith. There are plenty of liberals and literalists even within a single religious group. Despite the differences in rituals and principles, these religious organizations promote a common belief that religion, as a whole, enriches life.

Some go further, claiming that religion is a social necessity. They claim that without religion, we will not only become immoral and unrighteous but also unhappy and meaningless. In addition, our children will

become corrupt and less educated. Cases of teenage pregnancy, homicide and suicide will climb. Divorce rates will reach about 50 percent. The rich will complain about a marginal tax increase while the poor remain hungry and unemployed. Many will be uninsured and even more will fight against universal health coverage. Politicians will lose their sense of moral propriety and indulge in extramarital affairs. People will engage in gluttony and become morbidly obese. There will be multiple wars, pandemics, droughts, environmental destruction and possibly a devastating financial meltdown. In other words, a godless society will look like modern day America, a country that also happens to be one of the most religious in the industrialized world.

Obviously, blaming America's religiosity as the source of problems in this country is completely baseless. The same logic can be applied to irreligious countries like Sweden and Denmark that enjoy extremely high quality of living according to major international indices. It will be wrong to claim their lack of religion is the source of their social progress. However, we can agree that despite the conventional wisdom fabricated by theocrats and social conservatives, religious societies can have problems and irreligious societies can be happy and stable.

It should not be too surprising that atheistic countries can exist and be quite successful. Secular systems, such as democracy, market economy and welfare programs work well especially in such Nordic societies. In fact, these countries consistently rank top in government transparency, social equality, health standards and child education. In the same manner, the fact that non-believers can have meaningful and fulfilling lives should not be unexpected. We adhere to our personal morals that are based on empiricism, reason and common sense. Since there is no afterlife, we cherish every moment of our lives. Instead of living for God, we live for each other.

There is no doubt that religion adds special value and meaning to life. Especially in college, religious clubs provide fellowship and comfort in a scary, unfamiliar place. However, there is no need to join a religious organization in order to have a more meaningful college experience or to become a better person. Rather than going to church on Sunday, volunteer for Habitat for Humanity. Instead of joining a temple, join a Greek organization. Get to know your professors. Do all your homework. Ask tough questions. Be happy. Be secular.

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Sports

What's ahead: Vandy's first four opponents

by DAVID SHOCHAT

Asst Sports Editor

After a home bout with Western Carolina, Vanderbilt faces two straight cross-divisional foes in LSU and Mississippi State before visiting Rice. Here's a breakdown of the first matchups of the season for the Commodores.

Western Carolina (Vanderbilt Stadium, Sept. 5)

Unfortunately, the Catamounts are recently best known for the tragic death of Ja'Quayvin Smalls. The junior defensive back collapsed and later died after participating in voluntary workouts this past summer. While the Catamounts are certainly familiar with playing tough competition, having faced Furman and Appalachian State every year in the Southern Conference, Western Carolina was just 3-9 last seasons and 1-7 in conference. The Catamounts will look to quarterback Zack Jaynes to carry them against Vanderbilt. Jaynes threw for over 1,100 yards last season while completing 55 percent of his passes as a freshman. Jaynes was assisted in the running game last season with fellow freshman Quan Warley. Warley rushed for 681 yards as a freshman on 149 carries for a 4.6 yard per carry average.

at LSU (Tiger Stadium, Sept. 12)

The Commodores will get their first big test of the season when they travel to Baton Rouge to face the Louisiana State University Tigers at night in Death Valley. The 92,400 capacity stadium is the ninth largest in the NCAA. The Tigers have also been to the Southeastern Conference championship game in every odd numbered year since 2003. The Tigers have hopes of continuing that streak this season, but with Alabama and Ole Miss in the division, that will be no easy task.

The Tigers will be led by their tandem of senior running backs, Charles Scott and Keiland Williams. Scott is a load to

deal with at 6-feet-1-inch, 234 pounds, and Williams is no lightweight either, weighing 221 pounds. Scott was fourth in the SEC last season, averaging 90.3 yards in his 13 games. He was third in total rushing yards behind only Knowshon Moreno and Glen Coffee, who have now moved on to the NFL. Bruce Feldman of ESPN ranked Scott as the fourth-best running back in the nation for 2009 over the summer.

Sophomore quarterback Jordan Jefferson, who overtook Jarrett Lee late last season for the quarterback job and led the Tigers to a convincing 38-3 bowl victory over a strong Georgia Tech team, will lead the Tiger passing attack. Jefferson is an imposing 6-foot-5-inch quarterback who like former LSU quarterback JaMarcus Russell has the ability to beat you through the air or with his running ability. His leading target will be senior Brandon LaFell, who was one of the top three wide receivers in the league last season and led his team in receiving with 63 catches for 929 yards. Junior Terrance Toliver and freshman Ruben Randle will all provide depth for the Tigers. Randle was the No. 1 receiver prospect in the nation last year, and if he produces like A.J. Green and Julio Jones did last season as freshmen, the Tiger passing attack could be deadly in 2009. Trindon Holliday may be small in stature but is a huge weapon in the kicking game.

If LSU has any weakness, it may be its defense, especially its secondary. The LSU defense was last in the SEC last season with only eight interceptions. The Tigers also replace defensive lineman Tyson Jackson, who was a top three pick in last year's NFL draft, but overall the defense does return some strong players in linebackers Kelvin Sheppard, Harry Coleman, and Perry Riley and safeties Chad Jones and Danny McCray.

Mississippi State (Vanderbilt Stadium, Sept. 19)

This season marks the start of the Dan



TONY GUTIERREZ / AP

Charles Scott, one of the toughest running backs in the conference, and the LSU Tigers await the Commodores in their conference opener on Sept. 12.



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Broderick Stewart (90) had some words for Rice quarterback Chase Clement after knocking away one of his passes in Vanderbilt's 38-21 victory over the Owls last season.

Mullen era at State. The former Florida offensive coordinator takes over for Sylvester Croom, who was fired a year after winning the SEC coach of the year award and rebuilding a Mississippi State program from NCAA sanctions to a bowl game in 2007. However, the Bulldogs struggled mightily in 2008, winning only four games (one in an upset over then-unbeaten Vanderbilt) and losing to rival Ole Miss 45-0.

Coach Bobby Johnson and company will look for revenge this season when the Bulldogs come to Nashville in the third week. The Bulldogs figure to struggle again this season as they try to adapt to Mullen's spread offense. State's main offensive threat is 6-foot-1-inch 235-pound senior running back Anthony Dixon, who ran for 869 yards in 12 games last season despite the Bulldogs' struggles.

A week after facing the best running back in the SEC in Charles Scott, the

task doesn't get any easier for the Commodores' defense as Dixon was fifth in the SEC last season averaging 72.4 yards a game. Fortunately for the Commodores, Dixon and backup running back Christian Ducre seem to be the biggest threats on offense for State. If your team can shut down the Bulldogs' running game, you have a very good chance of winning.

Mullen seems to believe that the strength of his team is in his defense. But he will have to replace linebacker Dominic Douglas, who led the SEC in tackles last season with 116, and safety and return man Derek Pegues. Junior linebacker K.J. Wright will look to step up coming off a solid 2008 season where he recorded four sacks and nine tackles for a loss.

at Rice (Rice Stadium, Sept. 26)

Rice gave Vanderbilt quite the scare

last season with its hurry-up offense. However, the Owls have lost their three best offensive weapons in quarterback Chase Clement, wide receiver Jarrett Dillard, and tight end James Casey. The latter two were fifth round draft picks by the Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans, respectively.

While the Rice offense still figures to be fast paced, senior receivers Corbin Smiter and Toren Dixon must help inexperienced senior quarterback John Thomas Shepherd, who has a relatively inexperienced group of running backs and offensive linemen.

Rice's 4-2-5 defenses will be led by its vaunted trio of safeties. Senior Andrew Sendejo led the team in tackles last season with 94, while fellow safeties Travis Bradshaw and Chris Jones were second and fourth on the team in tackles, respectively. Senior Terrance Garmon is a player to watch at linebacker. ■

Commodores have a perfect weekend



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Molly Kinsella (20) gets up-ended by a Murray State player Sunday at the VU Soccer Complex. Vanderbilt took control early and defeated the Racers 4-0.

by ERIC SINGLE

Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt's offense spent little time before threatening with early scoring chances, and the Commodores kept the pressure high on Murray State's defense for all ninety minutes in their 4-0 victory Sunday afternoon at the VU Soccer Complex.

The victory kept the Commodores perfect on the season after they dispatched Mercer 2-0 Friday night, also at the VU Soccer Complex. Vanderbilt has outscored its opponents 8-1 on the year over three consecutive victories.

Early chances by Megan Kinsella and Chelsea Stewart put the Racers back on their heels and proved that the Commodores would not lose a step in the absence of head coach Ronnie Woodard, who gave birth to her first child, a son named Thomas, on Saturday.

"(Coach Woodard)'s done a great job preparing this team, so it's no surprise. It's just like, OK, here we are, it's just another day," said assistant coach Cristin Czubik, who took over

the head coaching duties for the game.

The Commodores broke through in the 19th minute against the Racers (0-2), when Kinsella found herself alone in the penalty area after getting tangled up with her defender as the ball was cleared to midfield. Defender Megan Forester regained possession and delivered a long pass, which Kinsella controlled and tucked into the right corner to beat exposed keeper Tara Isbell.

Murray State's misfortunes intensified in the 41st minute, when Racer defender Vern Pribyslavaska redirected a Commodore cross from just outside the penalty area into her own net, giving Vanderbilt a 2-0 lead at the half. Madeline Danna received credit for the goal.

The Commodores (3-0) wore down the Murray State back line all day with persistent crosses and clever scoring chances, and in the 56th minute, freshman Chelsea Stewart finished off a flurry in front of the net with a header which just crossed the line before being shoved out by the keeper.

Officials initially ruled that the ball had not crossed the line, but after a brief discussion, the goal was rewarded to Stewart.

"Our girls were relentless in attacking the goal, and good things happen when you shoot the ball, good things happen when you put crosses in the box," said Czubik, who spent most of the second half sending in substitutes for the first team - every healthy Commodore played on Sunday.

Junior Rachel Bachtel and freshman Jessica Amlaw combined on the shutout.

The final goal of the match came from the left foot of one of these substitutes, redshirt freshman Kate Goldin, who turned and placed the ball just past the keeper's reach inside the right post from seven yards out in the 87th minute.

Czubik was grateful for the opportunity to spread the minutes among her players. With games against cross-town rival Belmont and Big 12 foe Oklahoma looming next weekend, the fresher the Commodores are, the better.

"It was nice to get weary legs off the field who had played close to 90 minutes on Friday (against Mercer), and to get fresh legs to go at players who were more tired on their end, it was a huge help," she said. ■

The coach becomes a mom



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Vanderbilt head coach Ronnie Woodard watches the Commodores practice last week as they prepared for weekend matches with Mercer and Murray State. Woodard gave birth to a son named Thomas on Saturday afternoon.

Vanderbilt head soccer coach Ronnie Woodard gave birth to a baby boy Saturday afternoon, one day before her Commodores knocked off Murray State to improve to 3-0 on the season.

Thomas weighed in at seven pounds and 12.5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Assistant coaches Cristin Czubik and Eric Vaughter handled the coaching duties for the day.

"Ronnie did a great job of preparing us for this day," Czubik said. "The soccer office has been greatly anticipating her having the baby and we are excited to get the win at the same time and keep things going."

"We knew this day would come, so for us to be anxious or scared wasn't going to happen."

It capped a big weekend for the soccer program, as the Commodores shut out Mercer on Friday night 2-0 and earned another shutout Sunday with a 4-0 win over the Racers.

Reinert ready to contribute again

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Wide receiver Chris Reinert is all about team, and a devastating injury was not about to deter the redshirt senior from coming back for another season to help his Vanderbilt Commodores.

Vanderbilt's 2008 season provided many memorable images, but Reinert's final play that year stands out in the mind of many of the Commodore faithful who saw the conference opener against then-No. 24 South Carolina.

A giddy home atmosphere at Vanderbilt Stadium had been silenced when Reinert crumpled to the grass with a broken left fibula and tibia after another player fell awkwardly on him. A few minutes later though, the sell-out crowd was roaring as Reinert waved his arms to pump the fans up while he was carted off the field.

"That was the absolute worst pain I've ever been in in my life," Reinert said. "But when you've got 40,000 people in the stands and all your friends back home watching on TV, you want to give some positive reinforcement. I just really wanted to win and hoped the guys would not be focused on, 'Oh my God, what happened to him,' but rather 'Move on, play the game, let's win.'"

With the crowd still on its feet, running back Jared Hawkins bulldozed 13 yards on the very next play for a clinching touchdown in an eventual 24-17 victory, Vanderbilt's first home win over a ranked team since 1992.

But while the rest of the Commodores were celebrating, Reinert was being



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Chris Reinert was in pain, but you wouldn't have known it as he pumped up the crowd against South Carolina.

whisked away in an ambulance, asking the same question all football players dread they may too have to ask after a serious injury: Will I ever play again?

"A lot of things go through your mind," Reinert said.

Doctors responded with a "we'll see."

Once an eventual return was deemed possible, Reinert decided he would come back to finish his career. In the meantime, despite hobbling around on crutches last fall, Reinert was out each week watching his teammates prepare for the next game.

"The whole time he was hurt, during practice he was always with us," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson. "He's exactly what you'd want in a teammate."

Nearly a year later, Reinert is back on the practice field where he feels most at home. After long months of rehab following surgery, he's back and

eager to contribute to the program once again, even with a permanent rod with five screws running the length of his left leg.

"It's been a long road," Reinert said. "Doctors and trainers did a really good job on surgery and rehab. I've worked hard and had a lot of help and been pretty diligent, and we're now about a year later and I'd say now it's about 100 percent. It doesn't hinder me at all."

As painful as the injury was, it was nothing compared to being unable to help the Commodores during their first winning season in 26 years. Faced with the possibility that he was finished as a player on the football field, Reinert had to deal with the frustrations of being sidelined.

"Not being able to contribute, just kind of feeling like I couldn't do anything, that was a bad feeling and it wasn't the way that I wanted to go out,"

Reinert said. "That was a big motivating factor for me in the spring was to get back and feel like I was part of the team again."

Part of the team again, indeed. Although mainly a wide receiver, with two career catches, Reinert has also returned punts in the past and is currently practicing as the team's holder for field goals and PATs.

Whatever he's doing on the field makes little difference as long he gets to play.

"I'm excited to help the team in any way I can," Reinert said.

He turned down scholarships to several Division One colleges, including Stanford, after leaving prep school in 2004, deciding instead he would walk on to Vanderbilt. Undersized at 5-foot-9-inches and 172 pounds, Reinert still figures to see action in his final collegiate season.

He has continually impressed coaches with his dedication, enough so that after walking on he was eventually rewarded a scholarship.

Johnson noted the impact of his return to the field on the rest of the Commodores.

"Very positive, very positive," Johnson said. "He walked on and he's done a great job. He's always positive. He's overcome a tough, tough injury."

"The biggest thing for me wasn't so much playing football but being with my teammates, being able to contribute," Reinert said. "Being a part of everything that goes along with not only the games and practices but the camaraderie of it all."

A true teammate, indeed. ■

Kadri returns, Hawkins still hurting



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Running back Jared Hawkins (31), pictured here in a game last season against Rice, is trying to overcome a foot injury that has limited his action in practice.

by DAVID RUTZ
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After announcing days earlier that he was leaving the Commodores, defensive end Theron Kadri returned to the team over the weekend and was welcomed by his Vanderbilt teammates and coaches with open arms.

The junior had informed coach Bobby Johnson that he was leaving the squad for personal reasons on Aug. 25, but he had an about-face and was back at practice on Saturday.

"We're very pleased about that. I think a lot of his teammates went to him and had a good talk with him, and I think Theron knows that the best place for him is Vanderbilt and we're glad to have him back," Johnson said. "So he's very pleased. He stayed in school, did not formally withdraw, so he's ready to go."

Kadri's Commodore teammates were instrumental

in his decision to re-join the team.

"That was one of the biggest things that convinced me I needed to come back," Kadri said. "My teammates were talking to me every day, just making sure I was ok. That really helped me through."

Kadri didn't elaborate on what caused him to leave the team in the first place, only saying a variety of factors had forced his decision.

"I talked to a lot of close family members and a lot of teammates, and I just had a lot of things on my mind," Kadri said. "Overall I just prayed a lot and the best decision was still for me to be here, and I'm just happy that my teammates welcomed me back and were with me through my time of trouble. It feels good to know that even if I slip up sometimes they still have my back."

With the injury to redshirt senior defensive end Steven Stone, Kadri could be the starter opening day against Western Carolina on Sept. 5. He played 12 games last season, with one start against Wake

Forest, and registered 19 total tackles on the season.

Kadri said he felt comfortable out on the field Saturday despite his brief absence.

"It really hasn't been that long," he said. "I'll be getting right into the groove."

Hawkins hurting: Redshirt senior Jared Hawkins missed yet another practice on Saturday and his status as starter at tailback is in doubt. Hawkins, last year's leading rusher has been dealing with a nagging foot injury.

"He's been in, his foot gets sore," Johnson said. "Medically we have no answer for it. We're just going to see if we can treat it and see if we can keep it as good as it can be. Right now you just can't say you can count on it."

The Commodores don't need to worry about depth at the position however. Waiting in the wings are freshmen Wesley Tate, Warren Norman and Zac Stacy. Also, redshirt juniors Kennard Reeves and Gaston Miller saw action last season and expect to again get touches in 2009.

"Those guys can more than handle the load," Johnson said.

QB Battle: Quarterback controversies are generally perceived as negative, but Johnson says the battle for the starting job is improving the entire unit as they push one another.

Redshirt sophomore Larry Smith and redshirt senior Mackenzie Adams, the top contenders for the spot, both directed the first team offense over the weekend and looked sharp.

"We've got a good battle," Johnson said. "Everybody's working hard, and they're just trying to get better, and if everybody continues to get better we'll be fine."

Cole feeling whole: A healthy John Cole is a step in the right direction for a receiving corps that had been reeling with injuries. The fast redshirt freshman had missed some of summer practice and was out almost all of last season after suffering a torn meniscus in his right leg, but he has been a mainstay in practice recently as the regular season approaches.

"It's good to get John Cole back," Johnson said. "John is used to catching footballs. You feel comfortable about putting him out there." ■

STEWART: Olympian adjusting to Vanderbilt's style of play

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semester off to train and play with the U-20 team. Arriving on Vanderbilt's campus this past spring, Stewart was immediately immersed in classes and training sessions with the women's soccer team.

"I felt for her last year, because she came in as a first-semester freshman when everyone else had already been here for a semester," Woodard said. "Not only was she transitioning with academics, but she was also transitioning with being away from home, and she was also transitioning with soccer."

However, Stewart was able to make the transition from the Canadian women's U-20 team to Vanderbilt collegiate soccer with ease. Although she continued to travel often with the U-20 team throughout the spring months, Stewart was able to complete her class assignments, earning a 4.0 GPA her first semester as a Commodore.

Outside of the classroom and back on the field, Stewart worked to adopt Woodard's style of coaching

into her own play while working with her new teammates.

"The Canadian team just had a switch of staff members and coaches, and now we're starting to play actually how Vanderbilt and coach Ronnie wants us to play," Stewart said. "It's more passing and keeping possession of the ball, while building up to go forward."

Being able to spend the spring and summer preseason with the team allowed Stewart to continue making improvements while focusing on her strengths of vision, ball control and movement. For Woodard, helping Stewart easily transition to Vanderbilt's style of play involves adapting to one another's playing styles.

"That's really important for me as a coach, that we let Chelsea Stewart be Chelsea Stewart. Some of the things that are redeeming qualities for her we want to incorporate with us, but we also want her to fit our blueprint," Woodard said. "It's going to be an

ongoing process for us, and I think that you're going to see a better Chelsea Stewart every game."

With Stewart playing alongside returning veterans and junior twins Molly and Megan Kinsella, sophomore Candace West and senior Megan Forester, the Commodores are excited for what this season has in store.

"In general, I think we've gotten better as a team, and I think she adds another component to our program that we need," Woodard said. "I think she adds a high energy level, international experience and a competitive spirit."

With Stewart's top-recruit status and skill readily known across the country, the Commodores understand how important outstanding team play and chemistry will be for a successful season.

This season, however, expect Stewart to use her international experience to her advantage.

"She's a true competitor, every time she steps on the field she gets better," Woodard said. "When



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Stewart scored her first collegiate goal on Sunday.

Chelsea steps onto the field, it's time to play, it's time to train, it's time to lead, and it's time to compete." ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS

Compiled by Geoff Hutchinson

	1. Florida The Good: Percy Harvin left Florida to head to the NFL. The Bad: The Florida defense returns all their starters from last season. The Ugly: Tim Tebow is still the quarterback for the defending champs.
	2. LSU Tiger fans are hoping that last year's performance by quarterback Jordan Jefferson in the Chick-fil-A Bowl was not an aberration and that LSU will make up for last year's subpar effort.
	3. Ole Miss Everyone's pick to win the Southeastern Conference West this season, the Rebels must overcome losses in many key positions to fulfill the hype following them.
	4. Alabama The Crimson Tide lost all the leaders from their SEC West championship team, but with the amount of talent that Alabama has, it is hard to imagine a dramatic drop-off this season.
	5. Georgia The Bulldog defense will have to step up to the challenge this season, as Georgia has to replace key players on many positions on the offensive side of the ball.
	6. Vanderbilt The Commodores will have to become more consistent with offense in 2009 if they want to duplicate their efforts from last year.
	7. Arkansas In his second year as coach in Fayetteville, Bobby Petrino finally has his quarterback in Michigan transfer Ryan Mallett. The Razorbacks will have to attempt to play some defense this year if they want to challenge teams in the SEC.
	8. Tennessee The Tennessee football team has constantly found a way to keep itself in headlines this offseason. Let's see if that same intensity translates to the football field this season, under new head coach Lane Kiffin.
	9. South Carolina Sadly, the only reason why the Gamecocks made the headlines this season is because the head ball coach forgot to put Tim Tebow on his ballot. Steve Spurrier has his own issues at quarterback, as he has trusted inconsistent Stephen Garcia to be his starter.
	10. Auburn The Tigers will look to rebound from a disappointing 5-7 campaign last season that led to the ousting of coach Tommy Tuberville.
	11. Kentucky The Wildcats will need better quarterback play this season if the team expects to play in the postseason.
	12. Mississippi State New coach Dan Mullen has a giant task in front of him, trying to duplicate the success that he had at Florida. Unfortunately for him, Tim Tebow didn't follow him to Starkville.

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