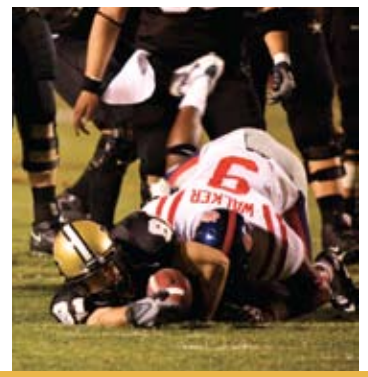


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## Top 10 outstanding seniors

by **SARA GAST**  
News Editor

From the initial 56 candidates for outstanding senior, the top 10 have been decided by approximately 2000 student votes from Wednesday's election, said Dwayne Elliott, the director of student campus events for Vanderbilt Programming Board. The winner will be announced at the homecoming game next weekend.

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**MEREDITH ACKERMAN**  
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**Activities:** Chi Omega Sorority (President), AmbassaDORES, Students for Students America, Commit to Be Fit!, Vanderbuddies, Dance Marathon



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**School:** Arts and Science  
**Activities:** Vanderbilt Cross Country, Track and Field, Kappa Delta Sorority (Treasurer), Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity

## H1N1 vaccine arrives at VUMC

by **SARA GAST**  
News Editor

and **KYLE BLAINE**  
Staff Reporter

The H1N1 vaccine has come to Vanderbilt, but it's not for students, yet.

Jerry Jones, assistant director and regional news director for the medical center's Office of News and Public Affairs, wrote in an e-mail that Vanderbilt University Medical Center received approximately 1,000 doses of the FluMist earlier in the week. This form of the vaccine is the active nasal spray and can be delivered to people ages 2-49.

According to Jones, VUMC expects to receive the inactivated, injectable vaccine within the next two weeks, which will be only for those involved with VUMC who have direct contact with patients who could have influenza symptoms.

Dr. Louise Hanson, the medical director of student health services, said the Student Health Center is unsure when the shipment of H1N1 vaccines will come in for students or how many vaccines Student Health will receive, but she expects the health center will receive more details shortly. As soon as they do, a mass e-mail will be sent to students, she said.

Once the first shipments of vaccines arrive, the order of students who will be targeted for vaccination will depend on risk level, with higher risk students such as those involved in medical care of influenza patients or those with chronic illnesses like asthma or diabetes being targeted for vaccination first, Hanson wrote in an e-mail Thursday.

Once those students have been vaccinated, Hanson said the H1N1 vaccine will be offered to the general student population.

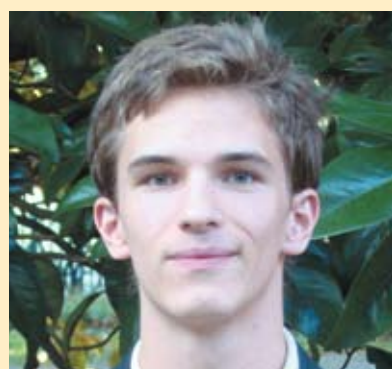
H1N1, commonly referred to as swine flu, is a strain of influenza A that hit campus during the first month of school. Its symptoms and effects are clinically no different than that of seasonal influenza, Hanson said in an earlier interview. Students can go to the Student Health Center to receive a seasonal flu vaccination.

Hanson also wrote that although Student Health is not concerned about running out of seasonal flu vaccines, but she said since the same companies

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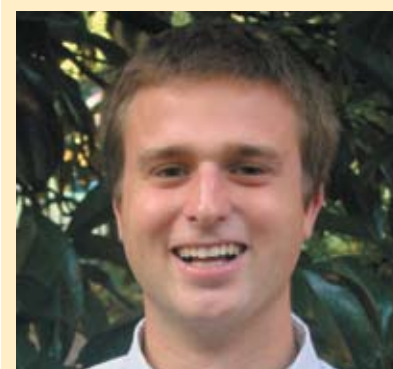
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**School:** Peabody  
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**MELISSA ZHU**  
**Hometown:** Houston, Texas  
**School:** Arts and Science  
**Activities:** American Red Cross at Vanderbilt (President), National Youth Council American Red Cross, Vanderbilt Student Government (General Secretary and Student Service and Technology Committee Co-chair), Delta Gamma Sorority, Biological Science Department (Researcher), Asian New Year Festival, Campus Crusade for Christ, Asian American Christian Fellowship, Alternative Spring Break, IT Student Leader, Commodore Yearbook, Alpha Epsilon Delta, National Scholar Honors Society

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HIGH **80**, LOW **57**  
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### SATURDAY



HIGH **62**, LOW **50**  
Showers

### SUNDAY



HIGH **64**, LOW **48**  
Partly Cloudy

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## AROUND THE LOOP

### Did you get a seasonal flu vaccine?

"Yeah. I just really didn't want to be sick, and it was free."  
— **Katie Irwin, 2013**

"I didn't have time."  
— **Collin Ashlay, 2013**

"I did. I didn't want to get sick."  
— **Walker May, 2013**

"I didn't because I'm lazy and didn't feel like waiting in line."  
— **Melissa Metz, 2011**

"I saw the line out the door at Rand and thought it wasn't worth the wait."  
— **Emily Clanton, 2011**

## CRIME LOG

**Wednesday, Oct. 7, 5:30 a.m.** — Person was asleep outside of West Hall.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m.** — Person had a strong odor of alcohol on his breath and was unsteady on his feet. He had red eyes and slurred speech. He yelled, cursed, stated he wasn't going to jail and pulled away from the officer.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6, 9:28 a.m.** — Purse was stolen from VU Hospital.

**Monday, Oct. 5, 2:02 p.m.** — Cell phone stolen from Stevenson Center.

## PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

### Miranda Nesler

English department  
6 years at Vanderbilt



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Her students don't know that Professor Miranda Nesler is a terrible cook. "I've been restricted to washing dishes," Nesler said.

#### 1. What classes do you teach?

I teach a range of classes. I've taught Extensive Composition; English 102, a multi-genre class; English 118, Literature and Cultural Analysis; Poetry; and next semester I'm teaching Representative British Writers.

#### 2. What's your favorite place in Nashville?

Right on the edge of the city close to Brentwood where I board my horse. It's hilly, quiet and green.

#### 3. What do you like to do in your free time?

I horseback ride a lot. I also like to get together with friends to talk, read and travel.

#### 4. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?

I went to undergrad at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, and got my graduate degrees at Vanderbilt.

#### 5. What did you research for your Ph.D.?

Women's performances of silence in early modern drama. I'm still very interested in it and actually turning it into a book now.

#### 6. What are your academic interests for research now?

Representations of women's writing and acting, narrative theory, gender theory and material culture.

#### 7. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?

My dog, my horse and a good bottle of wine

#### 8. What was your first job?

An appraisal assistant for a custom jewelry maker

#### 9. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?

John Ford because I'd want to see what someone who could write such deliciously violent plays was like. Was he weird or normal?

#### 10. Why did you decide to become a professor?

When I was 18, someone asked if I had all the money in the world, what would I do? My answer was get a Ph.D., read all day and talk to people about texts. But I don't need all the money in the world to do that.

#### 11. How did you develop an interest in your area of study?

I developed an interest in early modern literature after reading "Macbeth." Nothing had ever pulled me in that way before.

#### 12. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?

Don't rush through it. There is often a tendency to get caught up in the practical aspect of education. Take advantage of not just how much you get out of the classroom, but also of living with so many people going through the same experiences. There's nowhere else that is going to happen.

#### 13. What's the biggest challenge you've faced in your teaching career?

Realizing that no matter how much it matters to you, you can't give all of yourself to teaching. Even if you want to answer e-mails at one in the morning and hold office hours every day, you need to have your own life. It's important to be well-rounded, so you remember students are people, too.

## CALENDAR

### THE WEEKEND

#### FRIDAY, OCT. 9

##### • Fall for the Arts

Fall for the Arts is an interactive trans-artistic exploration of print, paint, sound shape, motion, taste and perception. The experience is open to all Vanderbilt students from 12–8 p.m. inside The Commons Center and in the newly renovated Cohen gallery.

##### • VU Women's Soccer vs. Arkansas

VU Women's Soccer will face Arkansas in the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex at 7 p.m. Admission is free for students.

##### • VU Theatre Performance: "The Merchant of Venice" by William Shakespeare

The show will begin at 8 p.m. in Neely Auditorium. Admission is free for undergraduate students with the Card. There will also be a performance on Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, OCT. 10

##### • Vanderbilt Lambda Association's 15th annual drag show

Many performers will be featured including Angel Goddess Genesis, Veronika Elektronika and Momentum Dance Group. The show will last from 6:30–10 p.m. in the Student Life Center Ballroom. A community awareness event starts at 6:30 p.m.

##### • Blair presents: Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir's fall concert

Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir, directed by David Childs, will perform from 8–9:30 p.m. in Ingram Hall at the Blair School of Music.

#### SUNDAY, OCT. 11

##### • VU Women's Soccer vs. LSU

The Commodores will play the Tigers in the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex at 1 p.m. Admission is free for students.

## SNAPSHOT

### Faith in futbol



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Abdullah Radzai advances the ball past Joseph Moore during an Interfaith Council soccer tournament played on the Rec Center fields on Thursday. Teams were made up of members of various religious groups.

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who volunteered during the weekend!**

# ROTC ranks No. 2 in the nation

by EMILY HOBBS  
Staff Reporter

According to statistics published this week, Vanderbilt's Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps ranks second in the nation, out of a total of 273 ROTC units. According to Vanderbilt News Service, this is the highest ranking achieved by Vanderbilt's ROTC "Go Gold Battalion" since it was established in 1954.

The rankings for each ROTC are released as the National Order of Merit list and are calculated by the collective physical fitness, academic and leadership performances of each school's cadets. The full list, including who is No. 1, won't be released until Oct. 23.

Lieutenant Colonel James Wilburn, professor of military science and director of Vanderbilt's Army Officer Education Program, said Vanderbilt has placed in the top 20 percent before but being ranked second is "unprecedented."

The Vanderbilt program incorporates students from colleges and universities throughout the Nashville area: Vanderbilt, Belmont, Lipscomb, Tennessee State, Trevecca, Fisk, Aquinas, American Baptist College and Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The Go Gold Battalion has become increasingly competitive and is one of the most selective officer-producing programs in the nation. Enrollment was up 49 percent for the program this year, raising the program's enrollment from 53 cadets last year to 79 cadets this year, Wilburn said.

For a slideshow of ROTC in action, go to [www.insidevandy.com](http://www.insidevandy.com)

One reason for this increase in size and success, Wilburn said, is a shift in the focus of the curriculum.

"In the past, the focus has been on financial aid and scholarships," Wilburn said, "and while that still holds, it has shifted to emphasize preparation for a career that is challenging, exciting and respected. The program attracts successful leaders and mentors, and this is an environment they enjoy."

Wilburn said this year's cadets are some of the most talented the program has seen. Three of Vanderbilt's ROTC cadets placed in the top 20 percent in the national individual rankings, including Cadet Major Dallas Durham and Cadet Lieutenant Colonel and Battalion Commander Annamarie Casimes.

After their junior year, each cadet attends the Leadership Development and Assessment Course in Ft. Lewis, Wash., where they participate in a 32-day evaluation of their skills. At the LDAC this summer, 50 percent of Vanderbilt cadets received the highest grade of "E," which means "exceeds the standard," while only 17 percent of national cadets did so.

"For almost 50 percent of our battalion to get 'E's' is really special," Durham said, "and it reflects the high level of preparation and dedication our cadre give to us."



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Members of the ROTC dive into the pool at the Student Recreation Center during a combat water survival training exercise on Thursday afternoon. Vanderbilt's ROTC program is one of the most selective officer-producing programs in the nation.

Casimes agreed with Durham's sentiment.

"Since we pull from already impressive schools and programs in the Nashville area, it is no surprise we ranked so well," Casimes wrote in an e-mail.

Wilburn also puts an emphasis on the confidence and qualifications of the professionals and staff leading the

program and said, "the staff knows how to work together and demonstrate teamwork, and the cadets feed off that." Durham likened the ROTC staff's attentiveness to professors on campus.

"Just like the small class sizes in Vandy's classrooms, we cadets get a lot of personal attention from cadre. They really care about us as a team and

as individuals," Durham wrote in an e-mail.

Casimes wrote too about the importance of that close connection.

"The Go Gold Battalion is my home and the cadets are my brothers and sisters," Casimes wrote. "You come in an individual and you leave a family of leaders." ■

## H1N1: Seasonal flu vaccine supplies low

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make both the H1N1 and seasonal influenza vaccines and are therefore under a dual demand right now, it has been harder to get the regular seasonal flu supply.

"We still have seasonal flu vaccine but not as much as we usually have this time of year," Hanson wrote. "We will get the rest of our supply ... but it may not arrive until later this month or in early November. As a result, this may mean that during our fall vaccination program, many students may get both H1N1 and seasonal vaccines at the same visit."

Student Health has given about 1,900 seasonal vaccines so far, she added. It saw record-high numbers of patients for the first couple weeks of the semester, but Hanson said now Student Health receives only 5-9 cases of flu each day, with more common illnesses and injuries making up the majority of clinic visits.

The H1N1 vaccine the medical center received this week was manufactured by MedImmune in Gaithersburg, Md., and is processed under the same protocols as the seasonal flu vaccine, Jones wrote. The vaccine received approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Sept. 15.

VUMC is among the first centers in Nashville to begin using the vaccine. The local health department will follow suit on Monday. ■

## Beautiful is coming back onto Vanderbilt's campus

by HAYLEY KARLAN  
Staff Reporter

Sarah Russell wants to "Bring Beautiful Back" to Vanderbilt.

Russell is the senior behind the I Am Beautiful Campaign, a student effort to promote healthy body image and eating disorder awareness on campus. The campaign is built upon the principles of affirmation, education and support, and is intended to help raise awareness and educate the campus community about healthy body image and the effects of eating disorders.

Russell was inspired to start the campaign last spring after a personal experience made her realize the lack of resources for students dealing with image issues on campus.

"I came up with it as a T-shirt idea originally," she said. "After a Panhellenic delegate mentioned it at a meeting, though, it expanded into a bigger idea."

Russell formed a campaign committee and three sub-committees, one for each of the campaign's principles.

"Each committee has different responsibilities. As the head of the education committee, my role is to ensure that we are working towards our goal of educating students about what it means to have a positive body image and raise awareness about eating disorders," said sophomore Anne Horigan. "Our plans

include a weeklong program of informal discussion groups that will be held in five of the houses on The Commons, as well as organizing a variety of on-campus speakers and setting up a Web site."

The affirmation segment of the campaign will kick off Saturday with the "Bringing Beautiful Back" event at the Commons from 1-3 p.m. Sponsored by Greek life's Panhellenic Council, Vanderbilt Student Government and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center, the event will have a fair-like feel with music, food and resource tables. The affirmation campaign seeks to spread a positive mindset in regards to one's body and health.

"This event will include information booths from both campus and Nashville organizations whose work includes promoting healthy body image. There will be presentations made by the sponsoring organizations and food for attendees to enjoy," said Joe Guerreri, a graduate assistant for the Office of Greek Life.

Russell says the location of the event was chosen carefully.

"We purposely wanted it to be on The Commons," Russell said. "There's a lot of pressure coming in to Vanderbilt, especially among women. There's fear of not being accepted, and we want people to know that you can be whoever you want to be. That's the most beautiful thing."

Guerreri hopes that the campaign, technically a Panhellenic initiative, will

### BRINGING BEAUTIFUL BACK

When: 1-3 p.m. on Saturday

Where: The Commons Lawn

What: A "celebration of personal health and beauty" sponsored by Panhellenic Council, Vanderbilt Student Government and the Margaret Cuninggim Women's Center. The event will promote positive body image and overall health wellness. Various Nashville agencies and business will be present to education and inform women of their services. Food and music will be provided.

reach beyond the Greek community.

"While the campaign is primarily geared toward members of the Panhellenic community, many of the programs will be offered to men and women all around campus," he said. "Additionally, while eating disorders and body image are often considered women's issues, the campaign recognizes that men must be part of the solution and that these are also issues that affect men."

Russell thinks one of the biggest challenges will be creating a lasting change.

"It's going to be a slow process, but I believe we can make Vanderbilt an even better place than it already is," she said. "I want it to be easy to get help, and I don't want anyone to feel like they are alone. I want the campaign to be sustainable." ■

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## Kids get a 'Healthy Head Start'

by MALVI SAVANI  
Staff Reporter

"I wanna get my face painted!" and "I want a pumpkin painted on my arm!" were some of the first exclamations of the 120 kids who descended on Alumni Lawn yesterday afternoon.

Healthy Head Start, a student organization that works with kids from organizations including the YMCA, CWA Cayce Center and Martha O'Bryan Center to teach them healthy-living habits to prevent childhood obesity, kicked off its field day with numerous activities ranging from a three-legged relay race to a game of red light, green light.

Kristy Hamilton, the president of the organization, mentioned "the importance of instilling the message of healthy living" as one of the primary motives of the event.

She said Healthy Head Start wanted to dedicate a day to providing more healthy, fresh food options to kids who come from "parts of town considered as 'food deserts.'"

"Nutrition is a life-long thing ... not just something that lasts for a month," said freshman Andy Han, who added that the Field Day is "a nice way to mix service and helping out — not just little kids, but anyone." ■



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Jaheem, a student in the Preston Taylor Ministries after-school program, fights in a tug-of-war during the field games that Healthy Head Start organized for local students in kindergarten through eighth grade to teach them about healthy eating and exercise. Co-president Kristy Hamilton was responsible for the event, which took place on Alumni Lawn on Thursday afternoon.

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**COLUMN**

## How I will find the employments

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**KATHERINE MILLER**  
Columnist

Dearest,  
  
Greeting in the name of our lord Jesus Christ. You might find it so difficult to remember me. Though, it is indeed, a very long time. I am senior at university chasing for employment with the internets. I have elected to write to you because you are

of good heart.

Before the hard times, I shared my word gifts with many of the people. I dreamed of inflicting the Twitter and society media to all. Now that the end is near I find myself asking me: Where is the employment? The paper news is dying and the banks are little. I don't demand you for money. I need now only right work for me. But you know my country condition. There are no works.

Objects fall apart, as they say. The rains and misery of football around me required me to purchase Zoloft for seasonal depression, and now I cannot pay for my thin jeans and vanilla lattes. My dear friends who are great in talents are not knowing where they will go and I am in fear of the time in which I cannot afford to duplicate thousands of resumes to preserve my warmth in the cold nights.

You may be in remembrance of my exiled father, who shares a mind of Mrs. Sarah Palin. He ackwired monies but also lived a life filled with too much Tom Clancy and more Fox News. I have the documents of a large amount of funds which he handed over to me before he was detained and tried for attempts to fix baseball games of the Braves.

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dollars. He will be in conversation with you fleetly.

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Now, with my sincere heart in the Nashville, I await your replies.

Go with God,  
Katherine Marshall Miller

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## At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs

### THE SPORTS BLOG

#### Vandy isn't improving

BY DAVID RUTZ

Maybe Bobby Johnson has a short memory. He said he was embarrassed for the team's performance after the Vanderbilt's 23-7 loss to Ole Miss Saturday night. He said he couldn't remember a game where his team was more out of sync, calling it "disheartening."

I can. It was two weeks ago in an equally ugly 15-3 loss to Mississippi State. In fact, I'm sensing a pattern here.

Another anemic attack in the passing game, badly beaten in the time-of-possession battle once again and an amazing amount of mental errors for a team that prides itself on keeping its head on a swivel out there.

This team that was hoping to get some momentum out of a 36-17 win over Rice went right back into a hole, and they're staring up at the rest of the conference, buried with an 0-3 record.

### Wilderness Princess

#### Something new

BY COURTNEY ROGERS

So, I've been looking at my planner and I can't say that I really like what I see. I was hoping to go on Climbing 3 on Oct. 17 but sadly, I have an essay due the following Monday and a midterm on Tuesday. Seeing as I know I will get absolutely no work done on such climbing adventures, it's looking like my next excursion out into the wild won't be until Oct. 30 at the earliest.

I bet you're wondering what I'm going to write about over the next few weeks and I think I've come up with a plan you will very much enjoy. Many people have wondered, speculated and pondered how someone goes from fashion magazine intern to wilderness enthusiast, and part of the answer lies in my previous outdoor experiences with ASB. Fasten your seatbelts, because apart from covering the lectures and whatever wild surprises come my way, the next few weeks will be devoted to the many adventures of ASB trips to Yosemite and Monterey. We'll start with Yosemite, after all that is where I first came in contact with Wilskills people and practices through Sara and Alex.

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## this week in Quotes

1. "BECAUSE WHEN YOU LOOK AT MY RECORD, IT'S VERY CLEAR WHAT I'VE DONE. AND THAT IS ... NOTHING."  
*Fred Armisen impersonating President Barack Obama on the Oct. 3 episode of "Saturday Night Live" in the show's first pointed satirical sketch aimed at Obama.*
2. "IT'S THIS. IT'S A VERY SIMPLE PLAN: THE REPUBLICAN HEALTH CARE PLAN IS: DON'T GET SICK. ... SO THE REPUBLICANS HAVE A BACKUP PLAN ... THEY WANT YOU TO DIE QUICKLY IF YOU GET SICK."  
*Alan Grayson, a junior Congressman from Florida, said in a speech on Sept. 29 on the floor of the House of Representatives, attacking the Republicans for a lack of cooperation or alternatives.*
3. "FOR (THEIR) STUDIES OF THE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION OF THE RIBOSOME."  
*Professor Gunnar Oquist said while presenting the Nobel Prize in Chemistry to Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, Thomas A. Steitz and Ada E. Yonath on Oct. 7.*
4. "IT MADE MY STOMACH TURN."  
*Bertha Lewis, chief executive officer of ACORN, said on Oct. 6 at the National Press Club in Washington on the secret videos recorded by student investigators revealing ACORN workers promoting tax fraud and prostitution.*
5. "I AFFIRM, IN CATEGORICAL FASHION, THAT WOMEN WERE RAPED, NOT JUST ONE WOMAN."  
*Mamadou Mouctar Diallo, an opposition leader in Guinea, said in a New York Times article on Oct. 5 about a suppression of a peaceful demonstration by the ruling military junta in which 157 were killed and dozens of women were raped in broad daylight.*

Compiled by David Lee

**COLUMN**

## Life is bitter-tweet



**KATIE DES PREZ**  
Columnist

If Twitter were a person, it would certainly make it onto the Forbes Most Powerful Celebrities list. Like Oprah changed the way women think, shop and read, and Brangelina changed the standard for how many babies are appropriate for one family to have, Twitter changed the way that people of a certain generation — ours — communicate.

Twitter is all about exposure: letting friends (and friends of friends ... and those people's friends) know what you are doing at every moment. Everybody pause — I'm about to take a shower. Now, I'm out and it's sandwich time.

It's easy to wonder where this desire for such widespread exposure comes from. Americans are famous for their vehement defense of privacy, at least in the judicial sphere. Perhaps Twitter is the result of our desire to create closeness without subjecting ourselves to too much vulnerability. We can craft a censored common experience behind the veil of the BlackBerry-to-computer screen. "Hey, remember that time when I got out of the shower and made sandwiches? Good times."

Broadcasting the small moments of one's life, though, seems to detract from its wholeness. Each Tweet is giving away a small piece of one's unique experience. The charming facets of life lose their ability to render one fascinated when they are so widely disseminated in a way that is impossible to meaningfully process. In general, if personal experiences can be condensed into 140 characters — fewer than in this sentence — they are either not worth sharing or have been stripped of their significance through

abbreviation. I recently had an experience that was decidedly un-Twitter (un-tweety?). At the end of last semester I went to see the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion" live at the Ryman. This may sound like a grand old bore to many people, but for me it was the perfect way to de-stress at the end of a long semester and to continue a lifelong family tradition of Saturday evenings listening to the radio.

A number of elements came together to make this particular night one that left such an un-Twitter imprint on my mind. The evening was impressive because of its many facets. All of the sounds, senses and feelings that coalesced to create the atmosphere of that night are impossible to synthesize into a Tweet. They're hard to synthesize here, actually, but writing about them in an extended form imbeds the various features of my night at "A Prairie Home Companion" even further in my consciousness so that I can effectively share them, even if only as an experience that has helped to form my general outlook on life. Twitter doesn't work that way; instead, it allows one to compress rather than process the happenings in one's life in order to make room for more Twitter-sized musings and wonderings.

I know I sound rather cantankerous, putting on my "kids these days" hat. But seriously, kids. Put down the cell phone and pay attention to what's happening to you instead of thinking constantly about how you might translate it into a Tweet.

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## COLUMN

# Best weekend ever



PHIL INGRAM  
Columnist

Parents' weekend is a joy that only comes once a year. The only purpose of the weekend is to compare how much the parents love their children. Some will make journeys from foreign countries just to see their kids for a few days — parents who love their kids — while others decide against driving a mere half-hour from their Nashville suburb — parents who, for a lack of a more appropriate word, "dislove" their kids.

The cause of the differences in love is the difference in wealth because, as any good American knows, money equals love and love equals money. Looking at the stats from last year's parents' weekend, one clearly sees a pattern: Nearly half as many senior parents showed up for Family Weekend as junior parents, nearly half as many junior parents showed up as sophomore parents, and nearly half

as many sophomore parents showed up as freshman parents. Again, the reasoning is clear: love.

The freshman parents have only paid one tuition bill so far and as such still love their kids. However, as time goes on and the list of bills paid to Vanderbilt

**The cause of the differences in love is the difference in wealth**

becomes longer, parents start to wonder how much they love their kids. Fewer and fewer parents attend Family Weekend until the year after senior year no parents at all show up. Let that sink in: No parents showed up this year for the Class of 2008. Clearly, their deep reservoirs of love have gone the same way as their finances.

What made this shocking discovery even more troubling to me was the

revelation by my parents that they would not be making the journey next year. Instead, they have already planned to go biking in France. It's ridiculous. Even if they weren't coming to see me, they could at least watch Vanderbilt lose to some powerful Southeastern Conference team after sitting in hours and hours of lectures on a Saturday afternoon, but they prefer France to that.

Either way, I feel sorry for them. Parents' weekend is always one of the most happening weekends around Vanderbilt. There's so much interesting stuff to do that one wonders why Vanderbilt doesn't host it every weekend. If I had things my way every weekend would be Family Weekend, but for now I'm stuck eagerly anticipating next year ... with or without my parents.

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Compiled by Ryan Sullivan

"To my biology professor: Why would you let a girl sitting right in front of you PAINT HER NAILS during class? Do you not have any balls, or does she own them?"

"To the girl who passed out in front of our suite and wet herself: Thanks for cleaning up your mess. The 14th floor looks much better with that huge spot."

"Careerlink is an embarrassment to the university. Step it up. We can do better than job posts about tutoring for \$20 an hour. I didn't come to a top 20 school for this."

"I thought we were done wasting newspaper space on inane articles written by members of the Todd family when Neily graduated. Guess not."

"Just because a gay male feels that the LGBTQI center is all good does not mean that the women in this campus feel the Women's Center is being run as well as it should be."

"Why are there schedules of the cross country team posted around campus? I think I would rather gouge my eyeballs out with a rusty spoon than watch a cross country race."

# A lesson on intolerance in the 21st century

ALLENA BERRY

Guest Columnist

Family Weekend is a time most Vanderbilt students looked forward to with joyful anticipation. I knew I could expect at least two free meals out of the arrangement (which wasn't a bad deal, provided that all I had to do was look acceptable and make sure my dorm was void of any items suggesting impropriety). Plus, I could leave most of the entertaining to the wonderful people of Vanderbilt who excel at putting on a show for our generation's version of the helicopter parent. There was little room for error in this dog and pony show, and all I had to do was sit back, relax and reap the benefits.

But, like the best laid plans of mice and men, this utopian ideal of a weekend devoid of drama fell to waste. On Saturday evening, after spending the afternoon traversing around Nashville's tourist trap — er, I mean, downtown — my family

experienced a disturbing reversal of time. We were driving along West End to the Target off of White Bridge Road when we saw the woman in front of us roll down her window, lean out of her car and shout a derogatory racial slur at us (and you don't have to use your imagination to guess at what that slur was). Why? It was clear that we were in the wrong neighborhood at the wrong time (after all, as I'm sure the woman thought to herself, who was I to expect to ride to Target sans discrimination?)

This being my first experience with such overt, and random, racism, I felt shocked and confused. I thought to myself, "Isn't this 2009?" Isn't there a man of color running our nation? Surely, that did not just happen. But it did. And sadly, it is still happening all the time.

This incident got me thinking more and more about my Vanderbilt community. If we

are supposed to be the agents of change for our world, the forces to be reckoned with for a brighter, more hopeful tomorrow, can we stand idly by while such paradoxes of racial acceptance exist within our own city? Are we OK with the fact that I, as an African-American female, can be accepted within the hallowed halls and shady oak trees on campus, but as soon as I go outside of the comfortable confines Vanderbilt provides, I must step back 60 years of proposed "racial progress"? With diversity education presumably at the forefront of most institutions of higher education, we cannot allow all our credos of acceptance and integration to become merely talk.

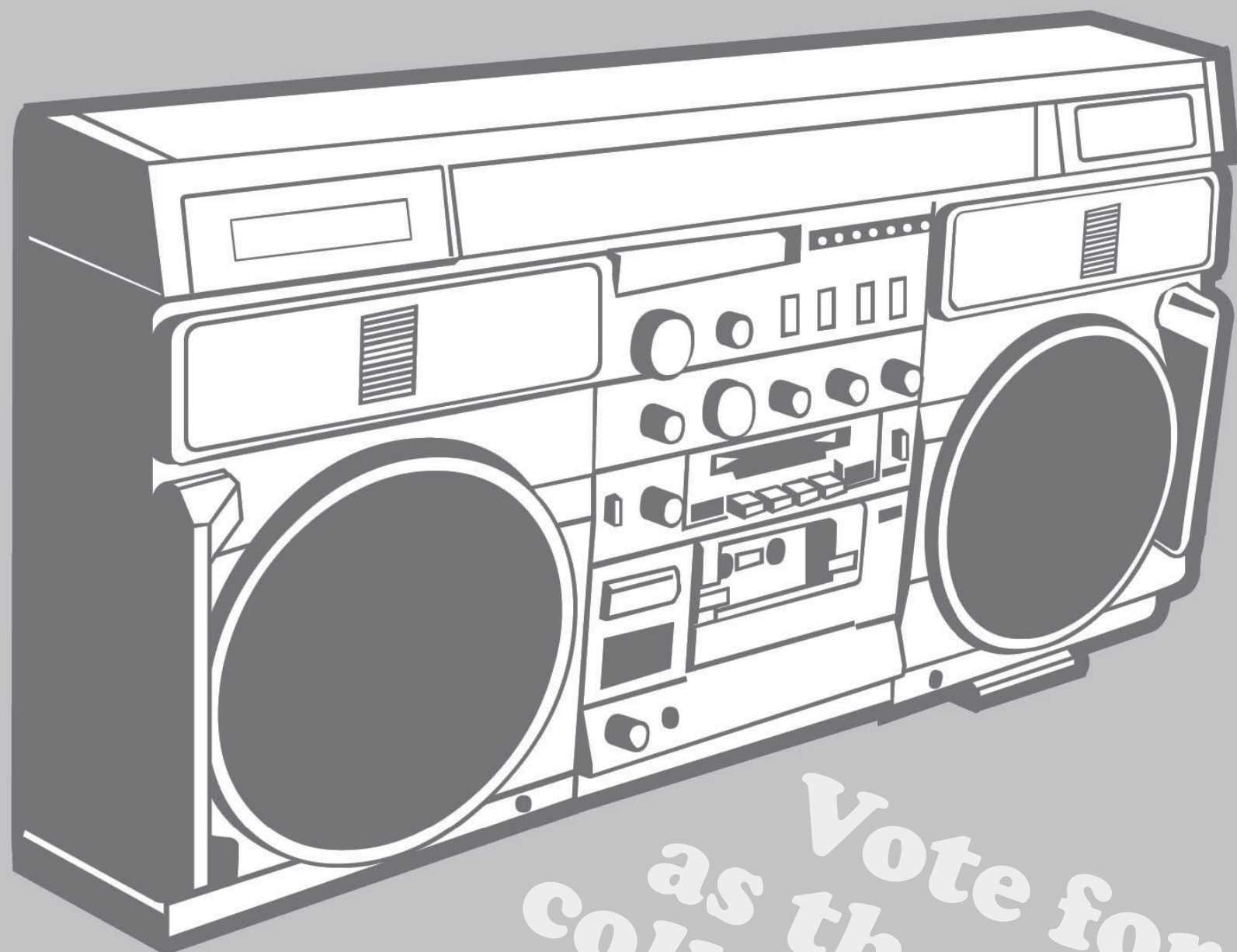
But as I sat on the side of the issue where I was not merely a student in a classroom learning about racial discrimination but one of the people who actually experienced it, I couldn't help but

feel a pang of hypocrisy in the sentiments that we as a nation have progressed at all.

It's my goal to shake up the complacency around racial issues and get students thinking about their own racial footprints. Start to think about it in this way: If you were interacting with someone who happened to be of a different racial background than you, does a discriminatory word pop into your head, with or without provocation? The answer to that question, my friends, is what we need to work on before we can think of ourselves as a nation truly progressing in race relations.

It's a question I will be thinking about the next time I go to Target.

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# Sports

COLUMN

## The offense atones for its sins

by **DAVID NAMM**  
Sports Reporter

### Dear Vanderbilt Commodore Defense,

Well, here it goes. I've wanted to say this for a while now, but I haven't quite found the words until now. Our relationship is just so ... so rocky, that I feel I have to address this before I lose you — and our season — forever.

It truly is hard to describe just how selfless you are and have been for the past five weeks. You have stayed out on the field for me when I repeatedly fail to pick up first downs, pouring out sweat as I continue another porous performance. You have made big plays to give us hope — to give us a chance — only to see me botch another snap, another series, another game. Somehow, you're always there to try to pick me up when I fall, when I fail (and, admittedly, that has been often). Essentially, what I'm trying to say is that you complete me.

And I complete nothing.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a formal apology on behalf of myself, the Vanderbilt offense, to you for all I have done to wrong you in our tenuous relationship this season. Oh, you say all the right things, of course, putting part of the blame on your shoulders in our highly public relationship.

Even so, we both know the truth: I'm the one letting us down. If I could call something other than a quarterback draw, other than a halfback draw, other than an option read (that always leads, in case you haven't noticed, to the running back taking it off-tackle for a loss), maybe things would be different between us. Maybe things would be better. Maybe we would be better.

Nevertheless, the reality of the situation is that I have been terrible to you. Awful. Miserable. Unbearable. Take Saturday, for example. You tried to treat me to a nice, candlelit dinner, deciding graciously to feast on Ole Miss quarterback Jevan Snead's propensity for risky throws and ordering us an Upset Special to share. How did I reward you for this gesture? By not taking a single bite.

I had more false starts (11) than pass completions (10), more penalty yards (74) than passing yards (69), more punting yards (276) than total offensive yards (240). You must have asked for the check faster than Kanye West got on stage at the VMAs, but I couldn't tell. I was already out the door, done with another date — another drive — all too soon. In fairness, though, you should be able to understand

how antsy and anxious I was; after all, you've seen me in the no-huddle set before.

Enough with the negatives, though. In the end, we are linked by our love of the game, our love of the fans, our love of Vanderbilt. Let's try to put this dry spell past us, shall we? I promise I'll put out this week against Army, and we can go from there ... you know, get back to .500, see where things go. Maybe I can give you a breather after a strong run up the middle, or an 8-yard slant, or a 14-yard out route to the tight end. Maybe we can step 5 yards forward instead of 5 yards backwards. Maybe, just maybe, we can make this work.

Otherwise, it's only fair to let you move on and defend someone else. From now on, this love — this season — is on me. I truly hope, for both our sakes, I can actually complete this attempt.

Sincerely,  
Your Offensive Offense



**CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler**  
John Cole just misses a touchdown catch in a Sept. 19 game against Mississippi State. The Commodores have still not cracked double digits in points in a conference game this year, and they rank 113th in the nation in passing offense.

**Vanderbilt at Army**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 10**  
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The Commodores (2-3, 0-3 Southeastern Conference) face the Black Knights (2-3) for the first time since 1991 in trying to get back to .500 on the season.

Vanderbilt won that game, 41-10, and lead the all-time series 4-3, including a 3-1 mark in West Point.

## Mental focus key for Vandy

by **DANIEL MARKS**  
Sports Reporter

After a frustrating 23-7 loss to Ole Miss, the Commodores head up to West Point to face the Army Black Knights. Both teams sport identical, frustrating 2-3 records through five games.

This could be a good time for the Commodores to visit West Point, a place where discipline and concentration are necessary not only on the playing field but in the classroom and battle field as well, because their loss to Ole Miss was defined by multiple mental mistakes where they demonstrated both a lack of discipline and concentration, two tenets of West Point life.

Addressing those issues was a point of emphasis this week.

"We just worked the same thing we do in practice every week," said Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson. "We try and rep and we do our plays, do it the right way, do it fundamentally correct, and hopefully we won't (be penalized)."

In addition to dealing with trying to fix their mental mistakes, the Commodores will be facing the unique triple option offense, something not seen in the Southeastern Conference.

The best way to deal with the offense? "Beat the system," Johnson said. "They have a good amount of running backs they like to rotate in and out, and their quarterback is good at running the offense, so we aren't focusing on stopping one particular player, but on shutting down their system."

The triple option offense is powered

by junior running backs Patrick Mealy and Kingsley Ehie who have combined to gain 562 yards on the ground thus far this year, and by freshman signal-caller Trent Steelman who has 299 rushing yards and 163 passing yards. Despite not seeing a lot of the triple option over the past few years, the Commodores have very sure tacklers in the secondary led by Casey Hayward, Myron Lewis and Sean Richardson, who along with Zac Stacy and John Cole, is expected to return for Saturday's game after a one-week absence.

Speaking of the secondary, when Army goes to the passing game, it has a unique weapon in 6-foot-10-inch wide receiver Ali Villanueva, who will surely pose match-up problems for the cornerbacks as no player in the defensive backfield measures in at over 6-foot-2-inches. Villanueva has 12 catches on the year, including three touchdowns, but has yet to face a secondary as strong as Vanderbilt's.

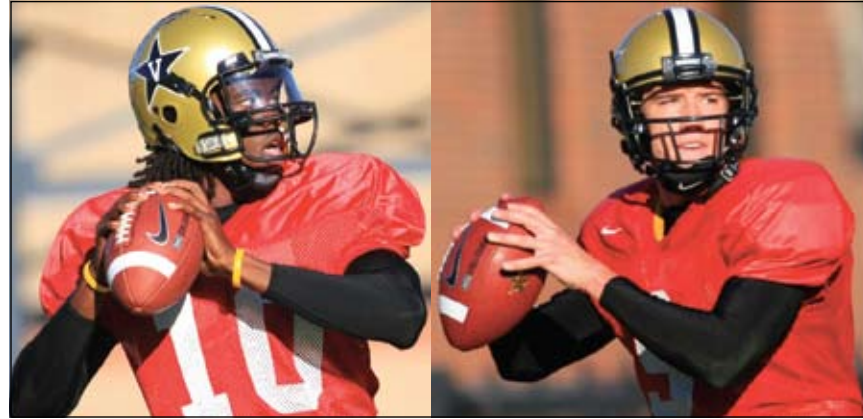
While it is important that the Commodores prepare themselves for the triple option, and for the mammoth Villanueva, the message this week has been fixing their mental mistakes especially since they are facing one of the most disciplined programs in all of college football.

"We need to concentrate better, it's as simple as that," said redshirt senior center Bradley Vierling. "We shot ourselves in the foot last game, and when you make mistakes the other team is going to capitalize, and we can't continue to make mistakes if we want to win." ■



**CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler**  
Bradley Vierling (60) and the offensive line have hurt themselves with numerous false start penalties. Staying mentally focused will be a point of emphasis against Army.

## Despite struggles, there's no quarterback controversy



**CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler**  
Vanderbilt quarterbacks Larry Smith (left) and Mackenzi Adams throw at practice on Oct. 7. Smith has struggled during a 2-3 start but still has the faith of the coaching staff. Adams has been a voice of guidance for Smith in his capacity as a back-up.

by **ERIC SINGLE**  
Sports Reporter

Vanderbilt's adventures on offense in SEC play so far this season have some Commodores fans reflecting on two of the most nebulous, dangerous words in football: quarterback controversy.

Behind redshirt sophomore starter Larry Smith, the only Commodore quarterback in over a half-century with a bowl victory, stands redshirt senior Mackenzi Adams, hero of landmark victories against No. 6 South Carolina in 2007 and No. 13 Auburn in 2008. After an 0-for-9 first half against Ole Miss that left some fans calling for Adams, Smith settled down to complete 10 of 18 passes in the second half, including a 7-yard touchdown throw to Udom Umoh, finishing with 69 yards passing.

The Commodores rank 113th in the country in passing yards per game this season, and naturally the quarterback position comes under the strongest examination from fans and the media during droughts in the passing game. To his credit, coach Bobby Johnson refuses to be swept up in speculation as his team approaches the season's halfway point.

"A lot of the things that are happening aren't Larry's fault, and it's hard for people to see that ... Some of the things that happen around Larry need to improve, and that gives him a better chance to be successful," Johnson said in an interview with 104.5's Wake Up Zone on Tuesday. "Just like everyone on our team, and every one of our coaches, Larry can do better."

Smith understands his responsibility to come through when the team makes mistakes.

"Most definitely, being the quarterback and the leader of the team, I put it upon my shoulders, and it's my job to get the team back together and start playing much better and executing better," Smith said.

In his weekly call-in show on 104.5 the Zone on Monday, Johnson emphasized the underappreciated continuity that comes from keeping his starting quarterback in for the whole game.

"The quarterback has a lot of responsibility where he's seeing things out there, and you take him out of it, they may do something he hasn't seen," Johnson said. "You put him back in there, and they run a coverage or blitz that he hasn't seen because he was over there on the sidelines."

"This is a decision that we don't take lightly. I mean we look at every one of them."

With nine career starts for the Commodores, Adams brings a much-needed voice of experience to a young group of quarterbacks.

"I just try to help as much as I can from the sideline, use the experience I've had, especially coming up with these SEC games, having already played against some of these teams," Adams said. "I just try to tell him what I'm seeing out there and talk with him about what he's seeing, just any way I can help."

No matter how he contributes to the offense in the next seven games, Adams understands the state of the offense and where it needs to go from here.

"We obviously have to be better if we're going to win some football games, whatever that might be, we have to find a way to get more yardage and score more points." ■

WEEK 6 SEC POWER RANKINGS	
Compiled by Greg McMillin	
	<b>1. Florida (4-0, 2-0 SEC)</b> Last week's open date could not have come at a better time for Florida as Tim Tebow used the bye week to recover from his concussion against Kentucky. This week's game at LSU will be the Gators' biggest challenge of the season.
	<b>2. Alabama (5-0, 2-0)</b> After beating Kentucky 38-20 in Lexington, the Crimson Tide travels to Oxford this week to take on No. 20 Ole Miss in one of the more intriguing conference games of the year.
	<b>3. LSU (5-0, 3-0)</b> The Bayou Bengals retain their No. 4 national ranking in the polls this week. They escaped from Athens with a 20-13 victory over Georgia after a questionable unsportsmanlike conduct penalty against the Bulldogs.
	<b>4. Auburn (5-0, 2-0)</b> The Tigers vaulted into the top 25 this week with their win in Knoxville on Saturday. A win over Arkansas would give Auburn its first 6-0 start since 2004. Last year seems like a long time ago.
	<b>5. Georgia (3-2, 2-1)</b> Coming off a gut-wrenching loss to LSU, the Bulldogs will head to Knoxville this week to take on Tennessee.
	<b>6. South Carolina (4-1, 1-1)</b> The Gamecocks won their third in a row with a victory over South Carolina State, despite going into halftime with only a 3-point lead.
	<b>7. Ole Miss (3-1, 1-1)</b> The Rebels can jump back into the SEC West race with a win over No. 3 Alabama on Saturday. Houston Nutt is 5-8 against top five teams, including a win over Florida last year.
	<b>8. Arkansas (2-2, 0-2)</b> The Razorbacks dominated Texas A&M in the new Cowboys Stadium with a 47-19 victory. Arkansas returns home to play Auburn in what will be a big test for the Hogs.
	<b>9. Mississippi State (2-3, 1-2)</b> If the Bulldogs have any hope of making it to a bowl game this season, they will have to beat a high-powered Houston team in Starkville this week.
	<b>10. Tennessee (2-3, 0-2)</b> Quarterback Jonathan Crompton must play mistake-free if the Vols hope to have any chance against Georgia this Saturday.
	<b>11. Kentucky (2-2, 0-2)</b> The Wildcats are still looking for their first SEC win this week as they travel to Columbia to face South Carolina.
	<b>12. Vanderbilt (2-3, 0-3)</b> After another disappointing SEC loss, the Commodores will travel to West Point this week to take on Army. Then the schedule gets nasty for the rest of the season.



# Youth, excitement mark Vanderbilt swim program

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

The Vanderbilt swim and dive team is half the size of other Southeastern Conference programs and has more than twice as many freshmen than it has upperclassmen.

No biggie. The team has embraced the adversity any program brought back to life has to deal with, and the Commodores have done it the hard way.

Vanderbilt looks to maintain the momentum from last season where the Commodores won their first dual meet since the early '90s and broke numerous school records.

Head coach Jeremy Organ has been there every step of the way since the team came back from a 14-year absence in December of 2006 and has marveled at the progress during the tumultuous period.

"We've made huge strides from that first year," Organ said. "Not only in our ability to compete in all the events, but

team cohesiveness and also the approach that the team has taken to the season. It seems to be much more focused on day-to-day training and getting ready and being prepared totally for our meets."

A team consisting of eight freshmen, five sophomores, two juniors and one senior will compete in its first meet of the 2009-10 season this weekend. The Commodores travel to Tuscaloosa for a dual meet with Centenary and fellow SEC school Alabama.

"It's the first college dual meet for half our team, so it should be exciting," said junior freestyler Jennifer Molchan.

Organ has noted the chemistry the team has enjoyed since training began the first week of September, despite considerable turnover since last season.

"The team's meshing very well. Probably the most cohesive unit we've had since the four years," Organ said. "Everyone's really close. They're all getting along very well."

Fellow junior freestyler Anna Fargo is loving the enthusiasm demonstrated by the younger swimmers, both in their training and in their sheer excitement about collegiate competition.

"It's really nice to have a new group of freshmen who are ready to go, and they're really pumped about the season so that helps us upperclassmen doing it," Fargo said.

The path to a program reaching that level of team cohesion has been a long one. Through the first two seasons, the Commodores did not win a single meet, but they finally broke through with a victory over Centre and Rhodes in Nashville on Oct. 11, 2008.

Also, last season Molchan broke a 19-year old record in the 100-yard freestyle with a 52.21, sophomore Allie Voss (1:04.11) set a record in the 100-yard breaststroke, and sophomore Laura Dillon (2:19.56) broke the Vanderbilt record in the 200-yard breaststroke.

Dillon will likely also swim butterfly events for Vanderbilt this season.

Sophomore diver Nicole Woodworth returns after a freshman campaign that saw her earn a school record score in the one-meter dive.

With the signing of freshman backstroke specialists Chelsea Morey and Rose Cornelson, Organ has never had a team this deep during his tenure.

The team is just as young as usual, but the difference in attitude, and expectations, for this group is palpable as they approach the meet at Alabama.

"It's a very good group," Organ said. "Everybody's pretty excited. There's some nervous energy out there, but once you put on your cap and goggles, (you) get ready to go." ■



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Vanderbilt and Marshall swim during a dual meet at the Centennial Sportsplex in Nashville on Jan. 31. The Commodore program is embarking on its fourth season since returning in December of 2006.

# Commodore soccer hosts Arkansas, LSU

by DAVID RUTZ  
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt (7-4-1, 1-3 Southeastern Conference) finishes the back half of a four-game homestand this weekend when Arkansas visits Friday at 7 p.m. and LSU plays Sunday at 1 p.m.

The Commodores split the first half last weekend, beating Tennessee in overtime, 1-0, on a sudden death goal by junior forward Molly Kinsella to snap a two-game losing streak.

It was Kinsella's fifth goal of the season, to go along with her eight assists to lead all Vanderbilt players with 18 total points.

They were shut out by 22nd-ranked Georgia on Sunday however, 3-0.

The opponents this weekend represent the best and worst of the SEC West, as the Razorbacks (6-3-3, 0-3-1) have yet to scratch out a conference victory and sit in last place, while the Tigers (8-2-2, 4-0) are undefeated in SEC play.

The Commodores are 0-2-1 in their last three games against LSU, while they knocked off Arkansas two years ago when the Razorbacks last came to Nashville.

**Finishing chances:** Vanderbilt's struggle so far through four games in the SEC has been not making good on scoring opportunities, only notching three

goals in conference play.

"Confidence is bred through scoring goals and scoring goals breeds confidence, so when you miss a sitter in front of the net like we have consistently, their shoulders drop a bit and they find themselves chasing, because the other team gets a new life," said Vanderbilt coach Ronnie Woodard.

The Georgia game in particular was an example of that, as the Commodores had numerous opportunities in the first half to jump out ahead but were unable to do so. Once they fell behind the Bulldogs in the second half, Vanderbilt had to change its offense system and still could not score.

"The bottom line is if we don't start finishing our chances, the next seven games are going to be very long for us," Woodard said.

Sunday marked the first time all season the Commodores were held without a goal.

**Game-winners:** Kinsella's heroics against Tennessee marked her second game-winning goal of the season, putting her in a tie with freshman midfielder Chelsea Stewart in that category.

It's hard to win in overtime," Kinsella said. "Everyone's tired, everything is getting pretty slow. It's always good to get an overtime win. After 90 minutes you've worked too hard to get out with a tie."

The 1,657 fans who saw the win on Oct. 2 were the most of the season at the VU Soccer Complex. ■



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Chelsea Stewart (17) tries to get around Tennessee's Amy Harrison (22) in Vanderbilt's 1-0 win over the Volunteers on Oct. 2. The Commodores will cap their four-game homestand when they host Arkansas and LSU.



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