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compiled by KELLY SWOPE

Vanderbilt maintains national ranking

Vanderbilt University remains one of the top 20 American universities, according to U.S. News and World Report's 2009 list.

The list places Vanderbilt at 18, tied with Emory University and the University of Notre Dame, which makes the placement consistent with past years. Harvard University was revealed as number one.

VU Brain Tumor Center Director weighs in on cell phone usage

Sending text messages instead of talking on the phone has been linked to carpal tunnel but not cancer.

However, recently conducted studies are trying to prove that a relationship between cancer and cell phones does exist.

In a memo sent in July, Robert Herberman, M.D., Director of the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, urged staff to heed this and other "important precautionary advice" and avoid using their cell phone due to the controversy surrounding cell phones, electromagnetic radiation and brain cancer.

VU Medical Center campus to become smoke-free

Cancer, heart disease and stroke are all ailments linked to smoking and among the reasons why Vanderbilt Medical Center administration has decided to ban smoking from the Medical Center campus beginning Sept. 1.

According to a story from the Vanderbilt News Network, the ban will do away with all designated smoking areas on campus. At the same time the Medical Center will increase the "smoke patrol," employees who enforce the ban by ushering smokers to areas where they can light up, mainly sidewalks surrounding the campus.

See www.insidevandy.com for more.

An uncommon start

by KELLY SWOPE
Commons Project Director

THE conversation about the Commons living experience continues as Vanderbilt's newest round of first-year students descends upon Peabody campus.

In the past year, much of the dialogue regarding the Commons has focused on the completed construction of The Commons Center, a key symbol in Vanderbilt's green development. Now, with the class of 2012 inhabiting the special houses and common spaces built for its use, conversation is shifting back to Vanderbilt's original vision for the Commons experience.

Dr. Frank Dobson, Director of the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center and Gillette House's Faculty Head of House, has a personal vision for the Commons that extends beyond it being a place of belonging for first-year students.

"I would like it to help break down those artificial barriers we sometimes pursue and help us tackle tough issues we sometimes don't want to address," said Dobson.

Dobson said although there has been more intercommunity engagement in the past year at Vanderbilt, important issues still get overlooked in Vanderbilt's campus dialogue. He believes the Commons can help bring those issues to the forefront of campus consciousness.

"When we talk about diversity and tolerance, we'll be talking about diversity in respect to race and ethnicity, obviously, but also with class," he said. "There are issues of class that we are not dealing with by talking about them. We also don't really address issues of religion on this campus. What time but now, given the issues of the world today, given our issues of diversity and difference?"



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Freshmen, dressed in their house shirts, file in for the class of 2012 picture on the Commons upper lawn August 19, 2008.

Already, students are having varied reactions to last week's orientation programming, the first test of the administration's preparation for the class of 2012. Beginning Aug. 16, students met daily for discussions with their VUcept groups and spent time socializing and networking with new peers. During the week they attended events such as Commodores in the Community, a service day designed to connect first-years with the city of Nashville, and "True Life: I Go to Vanderbilt," a forum for discussing issues of wellness, culture and sexual violence on Vanderbilt's campus. There were also special house activities, campus tours and opportunities

to meet the faculty and staff at the Commons.

Laura Kaufman, a first-year student from Florida, thinks Vanderbilt is doing its part in welcoming the newcomers but does not always express its long-term vision clearly.

"I'm not really sure what their vision is, but I think the Commons is a good idea," she said after the week of orientation events.

Still, others feel that the message resonates clearly. Chavez Scott of Memphis, a first-year student on the pre-medicine track, said that the idea of the Commons is what he personally needs to adjust to college life.

"I just wanted to finally experience the

real world," Scott said. "(The Commons' atmosphere) is exactly what I want. From the beginning, you all have the same common ground."

The "common ground" described by Scott is, according to the Commons' web site, the guiding principle of the Commons. Now, with one week completed and classes beginning Monday, first-year students will be putting the administration's long-anticipated vision to the test.

"As freshmen, the young people in the Commons are sometimes going to be scared, sometimes lost, and unsure," Dobson said. "I think we need to give them real answers, honest answers. We will be a better campus if we do that." ■

Students return to revamped Rand

by NORAH SCANLAN
Campus Living Specialist

Adding to the already long list of home improvement projects on campus, Rand Dining Center's summer facelift is likely to turn headsthissemester. Rand is visibly changed from last semester, the most notable changes being the expansion of Chef James Bistro, the installation of partitions, the removal of CX2 and Stonehenge and the addition of Burger Town and Center Smoothie.

With the enlargement, redesign and relocation of Chef James (now replacing CX2), Director of Dining Camp Howard said they have created a retail-style restaurant comparable to Whole Foods Market. Named after Vanderbilt's widely respected Chef James in celebration of his 35-year career in campus dining, the station now has pre-packaged grab-and-go items, including fruit, baked goods, salads, breakfast items,

wraps and sandwiches. All of these items are clearly labeled as sides or entrées to minimize confusion. Howard recognizes that students are in a rush, which is the driving force behind what Howard calls the "grocery-store mentality" of the revamped Chef James.

According to Howard, the entrees and sides served in the past were largely Southern-style but are now "more up-to-date and creative." This year, there is a larger selection of both cold and hot entrees and vegetarian options.

Partitions now surrounding the other portion of Rand allow the dining room to stay open even after Rand closes, which provides an after-hours study space for students. "Rand is more of a hangout (and) gathering space than it has been in the past," said Howard. Minor changes include the addition of flat-screen televisions with informational

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signage and closed captioning, the replacement of the former plastic to-go containers with

more environmentally friendly cardboard boxes and the addition of gluten-free salad dressings and cereal.

Though CX2 is gone, Dining considers Burger Town, a new station operating where Chef James previously was, to be a worthy substitution. It features the five steps to a perfect burger, which include the addition of toppings and condiments, such as CX2's infamous Camp's Fire Sauce.

"The response on this has been phenomenal," Howard said.

Center Smoothie, which replaces Stonehenge, opens Monday and will offer frozen yogurt, various fruit and energy smoothies, Java Boost frozen coffee, grab-and-go sandwiches (including Stonehenge's "The Gobbler"), fruit sides and more. While Howard recognizes there are no longer steamed sandwiches, he also notes toasted sandwiches and paninis are still

offered upstairs at Rand. The station that previously offered smoothies in Branscomb, next to the Varsity Market, is gone.

Howard said students should be thanked for these changes.

"When we're thinking of changing our service, we want to get students' input," Howard said.

He attributes these changes to suggestions from Vanderbilt Student Government, dining advisory groups, student surveys and online comment cards, which can be found on the dining website. It is important for the dining department to understand how the needs of the students are changing so that they can respond accordingly, Howard said.

With longer hours — Chef James is now open until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday — and better quality food, Rand just may be the student favorite this year. ■

CAMPUS LIVING: Kissam Quad sees new renovations, new purpose for upperclassman residents. **SEE PAGE 5**

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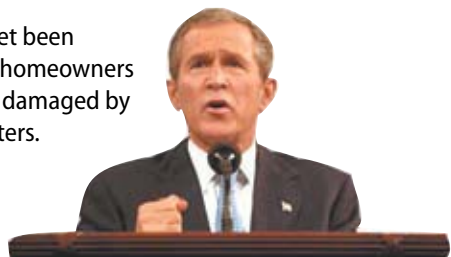
News Briefs

Bush names 4 Fla. counties disaster areas from Fay

MIAMI (AP) — President Bush declared Sunday that four Florida counties hit hardest by Tropical Storm Fay are major disaster areas, making them eligible for federal aid, The Associated Press reported. The declaration makes funds available for emergency work and repairs to governments in Brevard, Monroe, Okeechobee and St. Lucie counties.

State and federal emergency officials are still assessing the damage from the weeklong storm that caused at least 11 deaths in Florida and one each in Georgia and Alabama. More counties could be added.

The funding has not yet been extended to individual homeowners whose properties were damaged by high winds or flood waters.



Taliban turns lethal: 101 US deaths in Afghanistan

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The U.S. military suffered its 101st death of the year in Afghanistan last week when Sgt. 1st Class David J. Todd Jr., a 36-year-old from Marrero, La., died of gunfire wounds while helping train Afghan police in the northwest. The total number of U.S. dead last year — 111 — was a record itself and is likely to be surpassed, according to The Associated Press.

Top U.S. generals, European presidents and analysts say the blame lies to the east, in militant sanctuaries in neighboring Pakistan. As long as those areas remain havens where fighters arm, train, recruit and plot increasingly sophisticated ambushes, the Afghan war will continue to sour.

"The U.S. is now losing the war against the Taliban," Anthony Cordesman, of the Washington-based Center for Strategic and International Studies, wrote in a report Thursday. A resurgent al-Qaida, which was harbored by the Taliban in the years before the Sept. 11 attacks, could soon follow, Cordesman warned.



Host China wins gold medal race; US first overall

BEIJING (AP) — China proved an acquisitive first-time Olympic host, topping the gold-medal chart with one of the most dominating and diverse performances ever. The United States, Britain and an array of small nations also had reasons to celebrate.

China's haul of 51 gold medals was the largest since the Soviet Union won 55 in Seoul in 1988. Fielding athletes groomed since childhood in sports academies, it won medals in 25 different sports, including its first ever in sailing, beach volleyball and field hockey, The Associated Press reported.

Not since 1936, when Nazi Germany prevailed at the Berlin Olympics, had a country other than the U.S. or the Soviet Union/Russia led the gold medal list.

The United States trailed well behind the Chinese in golds with 36, the first time since 1992 it didn't lead the category. But the Americans did break their own mark for total medals in a non-boycotted Olympics; they won 110 in all, two more than their previous high set in 1992 and 10 ahead of China's overall tally this year.



Rice in longshot bid for Mideast peace progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice returns to the Middle East this week amid dwindling hopes for securing an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal by a year-end target, according to The Associated Press.

She was to arrive Monday in Israel on what will be her seventh trip to the region since President Bush, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert set the goal at a U.S.-hosted peace conference last November.

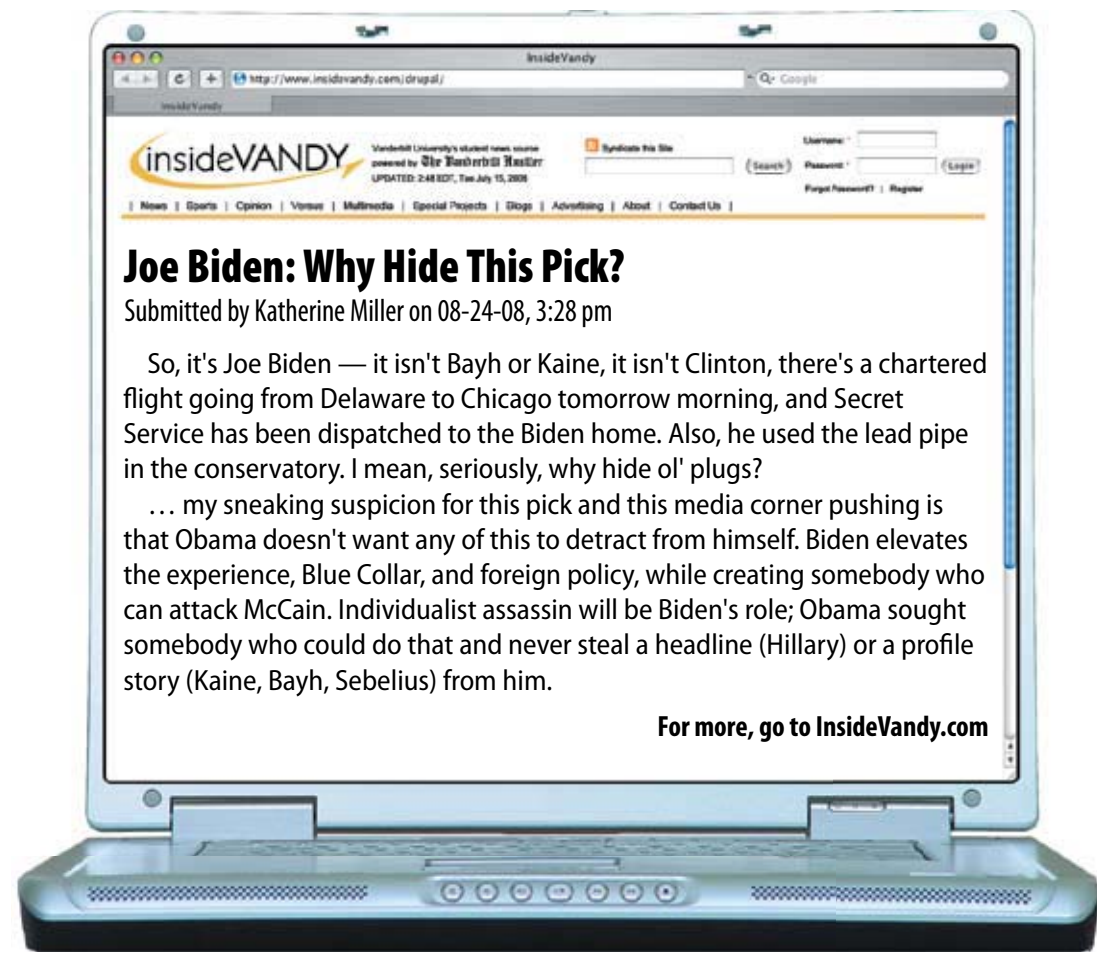
The State Department said Friday in announcing the trip that Rice's discussions would include "ongoing efforts to create positive and lasting peace in the region and progress toward the shared goal of a peace agreement in 2008."

Israel planned to release nearly 200 Palestinian prisoners on Monday, hours before Rice's arrival, in a gesture meant to bolster Abbas and improve the negotiating climate.

Abbas, whose moderate Fatah movement controls only the West Bank, has urged Israel to free some of the 9,000 Palestinians being held in Israeli prisons. Fatah is engaged in an intense power struggle with the militant Islamist Hamas, which seized Gaza last year.



FROM THE BLOG



Joe Biden: Why Hide This Pick?

Submitted by Katherine Miller on 08-24-08, 3:28 pm

So, it's Joe Biden — it isn't Bayh or Kaine, it isn't Clinton, there's a chartered flight going from Delaware to Chicago tomorrow morning, and Secret Service has been dispatched to the Biden home. Also, he used the lead pipe in the conservatory. I mean, seriously, why hide ol' plugs?

... my sneaking suspicion for this pick and this media corner pushing is that Obama doesn't want any of this to detract from himself. Biden elevates the experience, Blue Collar, and foreign policy, while creating somebody who can attack McCain. Individualist assassin will be Biden's role; Obama sought somebody who could do that and never steal a headline (Hillary) or a profile story (Kaine, Bayh, Sebelius) from him.

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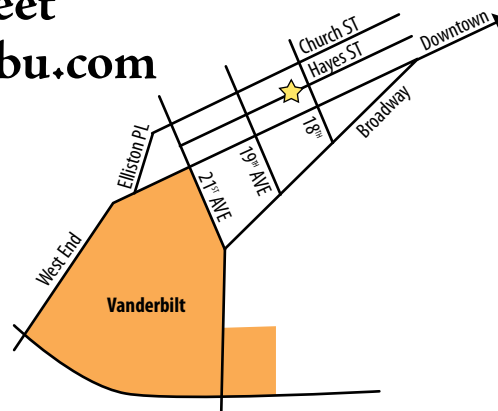
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Upperclassmen experience new Move Crew program

by LILY CHEN
Leadership Specialist

With the start of a new semester, upperclassmen participating in the tradition of Move Crew experienced some changes from previous move-ins, mainly in the addition of a leadership camp.

After move-in day on Saturday, students packed and headed to the YMCA Camp Widjiwagan for the three-day program. Students stayed in cabins and participated in various activities such as swimming, banana boating, high ropes course, wall climbing and salsa.

"The goal of the camp was to create a fun experience and a place to discuss and explore personal leadership styles," said Josh Hayden, graduate assistant of the Office of Leadership Development and Intercultural Affairs.

According to Lori Groves-White, director of Leadership Development and Intercultural Affairs, students participated in exercises such as true colors, where cabin groups learned about their individual leadership styles. They were then given the opportunity to apply what they learned in team-building activities such as the regatta, a cardboard boat-building race. Leadership Camp also took elements of previous Doreways programs such as Squirrel Camp and Leadership Odyssey.

For cabin leader junior Ogechi Achuko, the camp was an opportunity for networking, and as a Human Organization and Development major,



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Sophomore Tommy Crespo helps as a member of Move Crew during the class of 2012 move-in August 16, 2008.

a chance to practice her leadership skills.

"The camp was beneficial because it wasn't like a leadership class, it was more of an opportunity to demonstrate our leadership ability and build up confidence in the way we lead," said Achuko. "I think students liked the autonomy they had and also knowing camp leaders were there to offer instruction."

Hayden felt that students who participated got out of the camp what they put in. "If students put in the effort

to be open and to challenge themselves then I think those were the students who enjoyed the camp the most."

As of now, future plans of Leadership Camp are still undecided.

"We'll take in consideration the feedback we get from campers, but as of now, we're not sure about next year," Groves-White said. "However, if we do the program again, we'll add more features such as horseback riding."

The Dean of Students office sponsored Leadership Camp. ■

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CAMPUS LIVING

Kissam gets upgrade

by NORAH SCANLAN
Campus Living Specialist



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Renovations to Kissam Quad reflect the need to update living arrangements for upperclassmen.

"You're going to need sunglasses to work here," Director of Dining Camp Howard said to one of the cashiers in Hemingway Market, Kissam's brand new convenience store modeled after Varsity Market. He referred to the brightly colored outer walls of the store, which add a new stylistic flavor to the previously bland common space just inside the entrance of Hemingway Hall.

Hemingway Market, which opened Saturday, offers many of the same products as the other Varsity Markets, including bottled beverages, frozen meals, ice cream, bulk candy, various snacks and cleaning supplies. A lounge space with chairs and tables has been added across from Hemingway Market.

Hemingway Market is not the only renovation Kissam boasts. Five lounges and common spaces have also been added. The lounges include laundry in Kissam, vending machines and a flat screen television in Mims, study and programming space in Currey, music practice space and an

exercise room in Reinke and gaming space with surround sound in Dyer.

"The commitment (to renovate Kissam) was made four years ago because we knew upperclassmen would be living there. We needed to add amenities," said Director of Housing Facilities Ann Nielson. "Our intent was to make it an attractive living space."

Suggestions for the renovation came

from a committee of students who lived in Kissam last year and Vanderbilt Student Government.

Nielson said while students initially protest to being placed in Kissam, when they do become settled "a unique community is created down there and the residents do that themselves." ■

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GREEK SCENE

Kappa Sigma returns to campus

by **JANELLE STOKES**
Greek Life Specialist

After a 129-year legacy at Vanderbilt was discontinued with a suspension in 2006, Kappa Sigma has returned to their house on the corner ready to make a renewed impact on the Greek community.

Kappa Sigma colony's return to campus has a complex history that starts in 2001 when Sigma Nu was placed on probation after a hazing violation. The national fraternity, local alumni and Vanderbilt administration later decided it was best to suspend and remove the Sigma Nu chapter from campus. Upon leaving, several brothers formed the Nu Society, a community service organization registered in Tennessee, known for its annual Sun Rise party.

When a member's father, who had been a Kappa Sigma at Vanderbilt, offered the Nu Society members a chance to join Kappa Sigma, they accepted. Kappa Sigma's strong legacy at Vanderbilt and the similarity in principles between the national fraternity and the Nu Society's made the transition mutually beneficial for members of Nu Society and Kappa Sigma alumni.

President Paul Sutton, a senior, notes Kappa Sigma's strong commitment to community service aligns with the projects Nu Society has worked on in the past, which includes working with Somalian refugees in Nashville.

"We're just going to carry (our philanthropy) over into Kappa Sigma and obviously help actively participate in the Kappa Sigma's national philanthropy events," Sutton said. "We're working really hard this semester to come up with a great community service philanthropy event that we can hopefully integrate

campus wide to really get our name out there as a community service fraternity."

According to a May 2008 Kappa Sigma News article that boasted "record breaking pledge and colony growth" for the year, Kappa Sigma fraternity is the most preferred men's fraternity in North America and prides itself on choosing men of quality character.

Director of Greek Life Kristin Torrey commends the new members of Kappa Sigma for wanting to be involved in all aspects of Greek life after almost seven years of discussion between the administration and Nu Society about how they could become more integrated into the community.

"They made the decision to be a part of the Greek community and they wanted to be involved on campus and in the community service and philanthropy — all of the parts of being in the Greek community," Torrey said. "I think that they made a conscious choice in doing that and (made sure) that it was in everyone's best interest to do that. I'm excited about what the year will hold. It's a new opportunity."

Sutton's and former Nu Society brothers' efforts in recolonizing Kappa Sigma have been a worthwhile process for everyone involved. The brothers plan to integrate themselves back into the Greek scene and let everyone know who they are and what they plan to do in the future. At no point in time were new members of Kappa Sigma colony initiated members of Sigma Nu.

"We are Kappa Sigma now," Sutton said. "Inevitably, it will take time to make that full transition but outwardly to the Greek community and to the rest of Vanderbilt, especially the freshmen, we are Kappa Sigma." ■

NPHC Fraternities move again

by **JANELLE STOKES**
Greek Life Specialist

Kappa Sigma colony's return to campus has caused a shift in the confusing housing situation for National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternity members.

Members of Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi and Phi Beta Sigma fraternities, who occupied the Kappa Sigma house during the last school year, have moved again.

President of the NPHC and member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, junior Chris Griffin, currently lives in the new house and thinks that a permanent residence would bring the minority Greek population together, but cost and space are two issues preventing this.

"Greek Row is full ... there isn't really a good place to build a house and it would cost a lot of money," said Griffin. "(But) if we can get a collective effort in the minority population to work together and there's a strong foundation, then we can possibly have something set up for the future."

This year, each of the NPHC fraternities have moved a member into a four-bedroom house but recognize this as another temporary living situation. Meetings with the Office of Greek Life, Dean of Students Mark Banda, and alumni have been held and alternate fundraising plans are being explored to make ownership of a house a reality within the near future.

"The Commons is (meant to) build a stronger community and with (a house), we would like to do the same thing amongst our own organizations," Griffin said. "If we have a house where we can all meet, have fun, study, and do a plethora of things together, it would make us have a stronger community in ourselves that hopefully reflects upon the entire Vanderbilt community." ■

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What could be better than spending a crisp October afternoon cruising through Nashville on a motorcycle and then jamming out at a concert headed by some of country's most famous stars, including Tim McGraw, Dierks Bentley and John Rich? How about if the event benefited a good cause?

According to his Web site, Dierks Bentley will host the third annual "Miles and Music for Kids" on Oct. 5, to benefit the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital. However, unlike years past, Bentley will be joined by fellow country stars Tim McGraw and John Rich. The event will kick off with a motorcycle ride through Williamson County, which begins at 2 p.m., and will be followed by the concert at Riverfront Park from 4:30 — 7 p.m.

As reported by the Children's Hospital, last year the event raised \$100,000 for the hospital and drew roughly 2,700 riders.

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Convention represents important opportunity for Dems to unite



AIMEE SOBHANI
Columnist

Without a doubt, the hard-fought race between Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton divided Democrats into two highly motivated camps passionate for their candidate and the causes their candidate supported. This week Democrats will convene in Denver to put their differences aside and nominate Obama as their presidential candidate.

Though this task is the main purpose of the Democratic National Convention (DNC), it is vital Democrats unite so they will be able to win the election November. While Clinton dropped out of the race two months ago and formally endorsed Obama, Clinton supporters might still feel bitter towards Obama.

The Democratic Party hopes to alleviate hard feelings by placing Clinton's name in nomination, which will allow her fans to symbolically show their support for the former first lady. The goal of this move is to unify the Democrats, but as Jim Malone notes, "(Some) Obama supporters are concerned the expressions of support for Clinton might hinder party unity and take the spotlight away from the presumptive nominee."

On the surface, it seems unlikely a celebration of Obama's rival's achievement would help win the presidency. However, if they want to defeat the Republicans, the Democrats must appease Clinton supporters because the Obama campaign needs their time, energy and money.

In addition, the Democrats must prevent Clinton supporters from defecting to the McCain camp. Several surveys have found some Clinton supporters are wary of Obama and may cross party lines in November and vote for McCain. The Wall Street Journal found only half of the people who voted for Clinton in the primaries now support Obama, and about 20 percent of those voters prefer McCain.

It does not help that Clinton's own brother attends events held by one of McCain's top advisers. Fox News recently reported Tony Rodham and some Pennsylvania Democrats attended a gathering hosted by James Brazil, the national director of Citizens for McCain.

Despite the fact some Democrats do not support Obama, many cannot fight the infectious excitement generated by his campaign. Most likely, this year's DNC will reinvigorate the Democratic Party and will remind people of the powerful speech Obama, a mere senatorial candidate from Illinois, gave at the last DNC in 2004. Obama's address to the DNC sparked national interest and served as the starting point for his meteoric rise.

In addition, the DNC will give those individuals participating in the convention and viewers watching at home an opportunity to recall the events that have taken place during Bush's presidency and the obstacles the United States must now overcome, such as dependency on foreign oil and the Iraq war. Some voters have become so caught up in the buzz surrounding the candidates they have forgotten the important issues this election will decide.

Reminiscing about the last eight years will hopefully inspire Democrats to unite, not merely because they want to see Obama win in November but because they want to see changes. The DNC will remind people this year's election is not merely a contest between two individuals; it's about deciding what course this country will take for the next four years.

EDITORIAL

Newspaper seeks to move forward and upward

The start of a new school year presents an opportunity for new beginnings, and The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy.com do not escape that truism.

For returning students, faculty, staff, administrators, parents and alumni, the issues that plagued our publication last spring may still be fresh. Freshmen students and other new members of the community are probably unaware of any problems within this Vanderbilt institution.

Last spring, the editor-in-chief committed an ethics violation that resulted in the first dismissal of a Hustler division head in a generation. The episode was disappointingly avoidable, yet it revealed a profound problem with the workings of the newsroom. There needed to be a change in the very thinking of student media.

The Vanderbilt community deserves a news media establishment that respects the truth. That truth can be messy, it can be unpopular, and it can be contrary to conventional wisdom. It can also be uplifting, life affirming, and a vehicle for freedom and liberal democracy. What truth does not do is bow to the whims or emotions of people. It is resolute and final, and it is the purpose of journalists to respect and revere truth.

What does this new understanding of purpose mean for the Hustler and InsideVandy.com? First,

there will be a refocus on the fundamentals of news coverage. With the resource of a 30-plus year newspaper veteran as an adviser, our staff will receive excellent training and re-training in the basics of journalism. The coverage will extend into the realms of religious life, Greek life, the medical center and a host of other topics that comprise our community.

Second, the presentation will be improved. The world of media is constantly changing as the power of the Internet is developed, and our newly redesigned InsideVandy.com reflects an effort to stay ahead of the curve of college and professional media. In the pages of the Hustler, you will find brief stories

that inform you more concisely of the important news affecting you, from where to get a bite to eat to the latest on the people and offices that run the university. InsideVandy.com will expand in content and medium on the important news stories of the day.

Finally, this new focus for student media should strengthen our community by providing its members with the most up-to-date and relevant news information. A better informed community is freer and more able to explore its potential. As the official news outlet of the Vanderbilt community, we are humbled and honored to do our part.

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THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Thomas Shattuck		
China		Over a dozen shoppers in Nanjing were injured in a rush to buy cheap cooking oil and eggs at a supermarket, a vast improvement over the three who died last year. And you thought Wal-Mart got crowded.
Russia		Nothing says, "I love you, Georgia" like a full-scale invasion. And as my mother always said occupation is for now, and oppression is forever. Keep up the good work!
Fred Durst		You may be directing the new family movie "The Longshots," but let's be honest, your career went down the drain years ago. Besides, pretending to be in a relationship with Britney Spears was just disturbing.
Miley Cyrus		Miley Cyrus will be celebrating her 16th birthday soon, meaning she'll be legal in just two more years. For clarification, that does mean she is not legal now.
Gary Glitter		He may have made the stadium anthem "Rock and Roll Pt. 2," but he still managed to get deported from Vietnam for pedophilia and child molestation. And let's face it, that's hard to do.
Tropic Thunder		Someone said the movie was good and with Ben Stiller and Robert Downey Jr., how couldn't it be? On the other hand, it might be downright terrible. At this point, who cares?
Free Speech		China cut off iTunes on Friday. I guess the question is going to be whether political prisoners will still be allowed to listen to their iPods while being tortured.
Radiation		According to the San Jose Mercury News, Federal regulators are expected to let processors use radiation for the first time to kill bacteria in spinach and iceberg lettuce. Of course, it still kills people, too.
Medicine		According to MedHeadlines, the number of Americans of working age who have accumulated medical debt or are experiencing financial difficulties paying off their medical bills has risen to 41 percent by 2007, up from only 34 percent in 2005.
Tap Water		Researchers have discovered arsenic in drinking water may lead to diabetes. Bottled water may be more expensive, but at least it doesn't kill you (yet). On the plus side, if you already have diabetes, drink to your heart's content.
Joe Biden		After a failed primary contest over 20 years ago, losing his family and two aneurysms, Joe Biden has somehow snagged Obama's VP spot.
Shaquille O'Neal		Not only has he not done anything worth mentioning in years, now Alexis Miller, better known as the rapper Maryjane, has taken out a restraining order against him. Did we mention he was in the modern masterpiece of avant-garde cinema, "Kazaam"?

Era Vulgaris



THOMAS SHATTUCK
Opinion Editor

Jean Rostand once said, "Kill one man and you are a murderer. Kill millions of men, and you are a conqueror. Kill them all, and you are a god." While I like to think of myself as being in the latter category, I can't quite claim to be an accessory to manslaughter. Sometimes I wonder if we all have this problem; that is to say standing out (not committing felonies). I mean with modern technology, killing has become a point/click kind of operation.

But in all sincerity, standing out and fitting in has become a quest of severe significance to those of the modern age. We all feel the pangs of glory, but simultaneously wish not to appear too out of place — an eternal search for an uncomfortable middle ground. In other words, we humans have quite a conundrum on our hands.

ABC Family has recently begun airing the TV show "The Secret Life of an American Teenager." This insightful piece of televised drama will most likely clear up all these questions. However, just in case it falls short, unlikely as that might be, we should consider focusing on these questions ourselves.

In the next few months, you'll move in and start classes. You'll meet new people, probably some old as well and most importantly you'll begin to reassess your social standings — you know, who you talk to, who you appear to talk to and those who you refuse to talk to. With the upperclassmen, that list can get quite large and sifting through can take a serious dedication of time. In other words, socially speaking you'll do your spring cleaning in the fall. Callous as that might sound, it is pretty much the norm at this point.

I guess now the question really is whether picking friends in such a manner is right (proper, ethical, etc.) even if it is common. I don't suppose it's a question I'd want to answer, but at some point someone has to stop asking and start responding. On the bright side, there are so many problems to sort out at the beginning of the school year, you can always procrastinate on a handful of issues almost indefinitely. Of course, there are those of you who never think about these things, and you'll do just fine.

I guess when push comes to shove, or whatever idiomatic expression you fancy, answering the question is not the goal. We all have plenty of work to tackle, so taking time to think alone is an effort to be applauded. In the upcoming year, we all will figure out where we came from and where we are going. So maybe it's not just about fitting in and standing out. As Jim Breuer said in the movie "Half Baked," "I think it's more complex than that."

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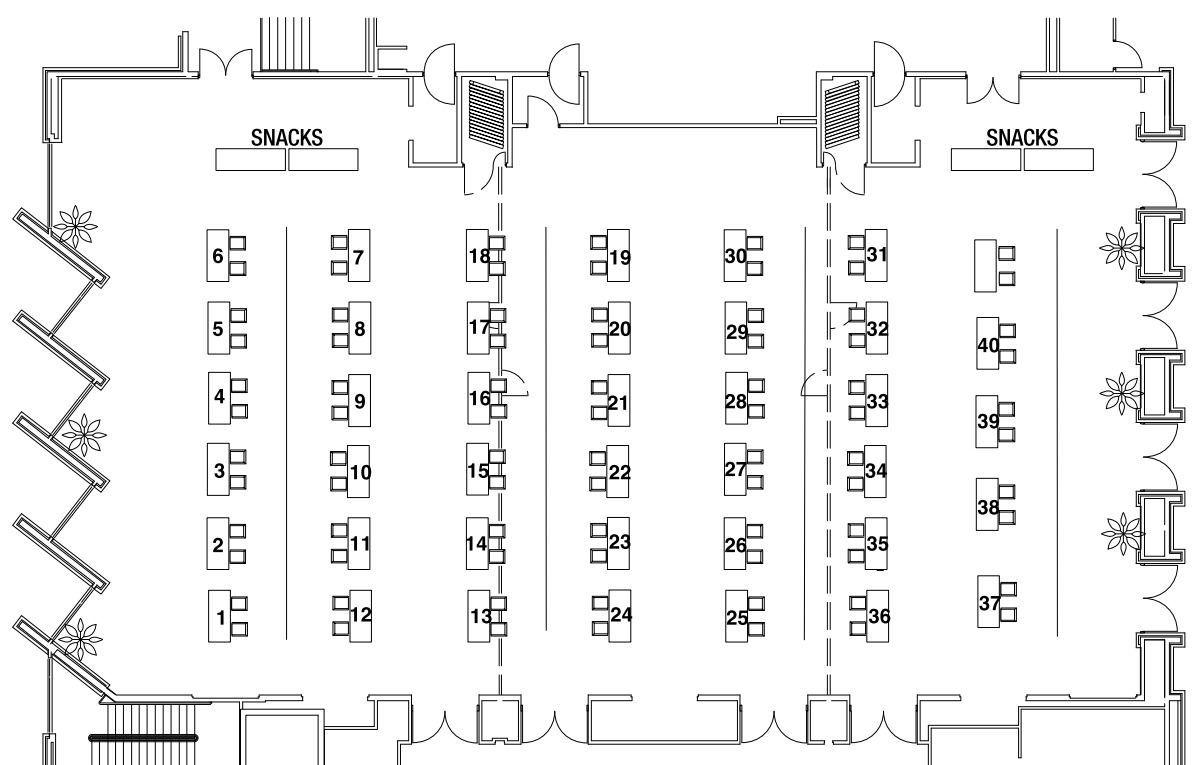
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SPORTS

Welcome to football season

Vanderbilt kicks off the 2008 season in three days at Miami (OH). Here's a look at each position for the Black and Gold, with expected starters, key players lost from last season and Commodores looking to break out this year.



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Quarterbacks

After a very successful sophomore year in 2006, redshirt senior Chris Nickson entered last season with sky-high expectations. However, an early injury limited his effectiveness in 2007 and he was replaced midway through the season by redshirt junior Mackenzi Adams.

The two are actively competing for the starting spot and are also being pushed by redshirt freshman Larry Smith and redshirt sophomore Jared Funk.

All four signal-callers are legitimate dual-threat quarterbacks who are strong scramblers, and Smith has the size, speed and arm to become a star for this program before his career at Vanderbilt comes to an end.

Now a redshirt senior and fully healthy, Nickson looks to have a slight edge in the race although one cannot rule out Adams, who led the Dores to a big victory over No. 6 South Carolina when given the opportunity to start.



NICKSON

Running backs

The Commodores return two experienced options at running back in bruising redshirt senior Jeff Jennings and shifty redshirt junior Jared Hawkins.

Jennings has been a regular contributor in the Vanderbilt backfield since he came to Nashville but sat out the 2006 season with a torn ACL suffered at the end of the 2005 campaign.

A fan favorite since he first saw the field as a redshirt freshman, Hawkins has the speed and agility to wow the crowd with long runs.

The Dores' version of "Thunder and Lightning" is backed up by redshirt sophomores Gaston Miller and Kennard Reeves. The diminutive Miller is a legitimate big play threat every time he touches the ball while Reeves is a solid receiver out of the backfield.

Fans should also look out for redshirt freshman Ryan van Rensburg, the hulking South African native who is one of the program's strongest in the weight room.



HAWKINS

Wide receivers

Commodore wide receivers have big shoes to fill this fall with the loss of Earl Bennett, the Southeastern Conference's all-time receptions leader, to the NFL.

Sixth-year senior and co-captain George Smith may miss the first couple weeks of the season with a stress fracture in his foot, and the team also lost junior Alex Washington to a torn ACL in the spring.

But several young players look to be more than capable of picking up the slack, including redshirt freshman Jamie Graham, a converted cornerback who also plays basketball.

Two other players to watch are redshirt freshman Udom Umoh, a speedster from Georgia who was the team's Offensive Scout Team MVP last year, and true freshman John Cole, a highly-touted receiver from Kentucky who has lived up to his billing in camp.

These three have zero career catches between them, but all are capable of being solid contributors this year.



WALKER

Tight ends

The tight end position is an unknown at this point although the potential is there for it to be a strong unit. While the top four on the depth chart have nine career catches between them, the depth at the position is relatively strong.

Sophomore Austin Monahan is currently installed as the starter, but the offense is looking to use a platoon at the position with all four of them getting significant playing time.

Next comes redshirt freshman Brandon Barden, a highly-touted recruit who originally committed to and enrolled early at Virginia Tech but transferred to Vanderbilt after the 2007 shooting on campus.

Senior Jake Bradford has the most experience in the group, working as the No. 2 tight end over the last two seasons.

This unit may be untested, but they are not lacking in size as the top four players average six feet six inches and nearly 250 pounds.



BRADFORD (IN WHITE)

Offensive line

The offensive line lost its entire starting lineup from last year to graduation and the NFL, but this unit has the potential to be one of the most athletic that the Commodores have seen in years.

Redshirt junior center Bradley Vierling, the only returning player with significant game experience, leads the big guys in the trenches as a co-captain.

Manning the guard positions are redshirt junior Ryan Custer and redshirt sophomore Joey Bailey while the tackles are currently redshirt junior Thomas Welch and redshirt sophomore Reilly Lauer.

Lauer is an athletic, undersized tackle who has been battling all summer with Eric Hensley, a mammoth redshirt junior, for the starting spot.

Should Lauer win the starting nod to open the season, Hensley will be counted on as the top backup at both the guard and tackle positions.

The unit also boasts talented redshirt freshmen in James Williams and Kyle Fischer.



VIERLING

Special teams

Senior Bryant Hahnfeldt will be handling the placekicking duties for Vanderbilt for the fourth consecutive season with freshman Ryan Fowler available as a backup. Hahnfeldt set a career high last year in made field goals with 13 in 20 attempts.

Third-year punter Brett Upson will retain his starting job despite spending six days in a hospital earlier in August and not attending his first preseason practice until last Monday. The junior was among SEC leaders in 2007 in punts downed inside the 20-yard line and saw his punting average go up nearly two yards from his freshman to sophomore years.

Returning punts and kickoffs will be do-it-all cornerback D.J. Moore, along with receivers Sean Walker and John Cole. The explosive Moore had seven kickoff returns over 40 yards last season according to the school's athletic website. Both Walker and Cole possess exceptional speed and will be serious threats to opposing special team units.



HAHNFELDT

Defensive backs

The defensive backs are the biggest strength on this team, as the unit returns its top eight contributors from a group that ranked 18th in the country in pass defense last year.

Redshirt senior and co-captain Reshard Langford, a four-year starter, leads the unit. A hard-hitting safety, he has eight interceptions and 18 pass break-ups in his career. Alongside Langford at safety is redshirt junior Ryan Hamilton, who finished a great 2007 campaign with 48 solo tackles.

Headlining the group is junior cornerback D.J. Moore, Vanderbilt's most electrifying player. In 2007, he notched six interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown. Vanderbilt's only preseason All-SEC first team member is also a dangerous return man and will see some spot time on offense.

Junior Myron Lewis and redshirt junior Darlron Speard round out an extremely strong starting unit, and redshirt seniors Jared Fagan and Josh Allen return as quality backups with more than 10 career starts between them.



MOORE

Linebackers

With the major losses of Jonathan Goff and Marcus Buggs to the NFL, some might believe that Vandy's linebacker corps is significantly weakened this upcoming year. However, with the return of Patrick Benoist, Chris Johnson, Nate Campbell, Brandon Bryant, Austin Newton, Michael Garcia, John Stokes and Chris Marve, along with converted safety Brent Trice and true freshmen Tristan Strong, DeAndre Jones and Dexter Daniels, linebackers coach Warren Belin has never had such a deep and talented group of guys in the black and gold.

Bryant will miss the first few games of the season as he is still recovering from a broken leg. However, look for redshirt freshman Marve and sophomore Stokes to pick up the slack. The Memphis duo of Stokes and Marve are both very intelligent linebackers who have a great feel for the game and love to hit. While the linebackers are a relatively young and inexperienced unit, the guys have a ton of talent and are arguably better from top to bottom than last year.



BENOIST

Defensive line

Redshirt junior defensive end Broderick Stewart leads a talented group on the Vanderbilt defensive line. Stewart emerged last season as the team's best pass rusher, leading the team with six sacks, and second on the team with 8.5 tackles for loss. Fellow end Steven Stone, another redshirt junior, started every game last season and notched four sacks. Sophomore Theron Kadri will also see time at defensive end after a solid freshman campaign backing up recently-graduated Curtis Gatewood.

Junior Greg Billinger and redshirt sophomore Adam Smotherman will be starting at defensive tackle. Billinger was a reserve last season behind senior stars Theo Horrocks and Gabe Hall and proved to be up to the task. Smotherman struggled with a leg injury for most of 2007 but will be a force now he is healthy. Also, redshirt freshman Tim Fugger will be a key backup at tackle.



STONE

Women's soccer triumphs in overtime

Game raises over \$5,000 for cancer research

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Helping raise money to fight cancer was a successful endeavor for the Vanderbilt women's soccer team Sunday. Scoring one goal, however, proved to be a lot more difficult.

For 103 minutes, Vanderbilt fired shot after shot at local rival Belmont but could not score. A little pluck and luck changed that.

Sophomore forward Molly Kinsella kicked a deflection off of redshirt freshman Catherine Wearn that zipped past Belmont goalie Sari Lin, giving Vanderbilt a thrilling 1-0 victory. The Commodores (1-0) and the Bruins (1-1) battled vigorously through regulation, one overtime and three minutes of the second overtime before the sudden-death goal.

The Commodores, who dominated the Bruins in ball control, kept a lively announced crowd of 1,227 riveted by numerous close shots. Vanderbilt held an astounding 41-6 advantage in shots and 19-3 advantage in shots on goal.

The last shot was the only one to slip by Lin, with Wearn getting credit for the goal, the first of her college career, while Kinsella notched the assist. The hectic final moments were fitting for a game that was exciting and taut throughout.

"I was tired, I almost stopped," Kinsella said of the final play. "But Cat (Wearn) yelled, 'Get it, get it,' and I tried to kick it as hard as I could at her and hope for a deflection."

Her wish was granted, and the Commodores celebrated on the field while the crowd on hand roared its approval.

"It was a team goal," Wearn told Vanderbilt's athletic website. "I was just lucky to be standing in the right place at the right time."

Off the field, Vanderbilt and Belmont were fighting the battle against cancer. The game was a "Soccer for the Cure" match, with all money raised going to the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.

Over \$5,000 was raised and benefited the hospital's Pediatric Hematology/Oncology department to help find a cure and also provide additional comfort for its patients.

Tom Woodard, a marketing consultant with the Vanderbilt athletic department and a self-described huge soccer fan, spoke at halftime telling the crowd about the "Soccer For A Cure" program, a non-profit organization that encourages soccer nation to help families fight cancer. Five children who had benefited from the foundation joined him on the field for the presentation.

Woodard was grateful for the enthusiastic turnout and the large proceeds raised.

"Pretty amazing," Woodard said of the raised money. "Twelve hundred (people) on opening day? Pretty good for a first day."

The Commodores looked pretty good on the field too. Despite being unable to convert opportunities during regulation, Vanderbilt kept pressure on Belmont long enough to finally break through.

"Whichever way it comes (we'll take a win)," Kinsella said. "We're just happy we came up with the win, and we're going to put it behind us." ■

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