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compiled by JANELLE STOKES

Black and gold attire encouraged on College Colors Day

On Friday, Aug. 29 wearing black and gold is encouraged for College Colors Day, a 4-year-old national initiative established by the Collegiate Licensing Company to promote fan loyalty and back-to-school traditions.

As an incentive to faculty and students, the Vanderbilt Bookstore will give fans the chance to trade in a well-worn non-Vanderbilt T-shirt for a 25 percent discount on a brand-new Vanderbilt T-shirt. This offer will be available at the bookstore from Aug. 16 to Aug. 30. All donated items will be given to charity.

Source: Vanderbilt News Service

Stepping outside of the Vanderbubble

Writer Lee Stabert welcomed Vanderbilt's Class of 2012 in a tongue-in-cheek article, "Bubble Trouble."

Lee directs Vandy kids to "venture out into the big bad world of Nashville" and points out some great food and entertainment spots.

Check out Stabert's tips for positive assimilation:

1. You must own one outfit that's not pink — that goes for guys and gals. We know we're stereotyping here, but there seems to be no dearth of pastels, khaki, pearls and little horses over in that region of town. It helps if you don't look like an alien from Planet Preppy.
2. Be cool. Don't park in the handicap spot (true story), don't talk loudly during Werner Herzog movies at The Belcourt (you guessed it — true story) and don't act as though anywhere outside the familiar confines of West Nashville is some weird, strange place full of weird, strange people who can't tell a Tri-Delt from a KKG — one of them's sluttier, right?

Source: Nashville Scene

See www.insidevandy.com for more.

VANDY GAMEDAY: VANDERBILT 34 MIAMI (OHIO) 13

Commodores cruise past Miami

Powerful running game gives Vanderbilt season-opening win.

by **ANDREW BARGE**
Sports Contributor

Vanderbilt did not look like a team that named its starting quarterback three days ago.

Led by recently named starter Chris Nickson's career-high 166 rushing yards, Vanderbilt (1-0) rolled to a 34-13 win over Miami (Ohio) Thursday night.

Nickson rushed for two touchdowns, and passed for another, while Jared Hawkins rushed for 53 yards and a score in the convincing victory.

Helping clear the way for Nickson and the Commodores was a brand-new offensive line for Vanderbilt. With zero combined starts in 2007, the untested group looked to use Thursday's game as a productive starting point. According to Nickson, the line answered in fine fashion.

"The line has been doing a great job. They're maturing," said the senior quarterback. "Tonight was a stepping stone, and seeing that they can work together — that was a big part of our win tonight."

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson agreed.

"As far as answering the bell, they competed and did a good job in pass protection. I think we can play better there, but they did well tonight," said Johnson.

The Commodore defense also had a productive night, with junior D.J. Moore leading the



DAVID KOHL / AP photo

Vanderbilt wide receiver Sean Walker (7) comes down with a 50-yard catch ahead of Miami (Ohio) defensive back Wendell Brunso (26) during the first quarter of action between the Commodores and the RedHawks. Walker also caught a touchdown pass during the game.

way with a sack, forced fumble and an interception, all in the first quarter. Miami quarterback Daniel Raudabaugh had trouble with the Vandy secondary all game, throwing two interceptions in the first half and one on the final drive. The Vanderbilt defensive line added three sacks.

Miami head coach Shane Montgomery expected a challenge with the Vanderbilt defense.

"We new they would be tough defensively. Being an SEC team, you know they have quality athletes and they showed that tonight," said Montgomery.

The incomparable Moore added a 91-yard punt return that set up a touchdown in the first half.

"D.J.'s just a natural," Johnson said. "He's in fantastic shape, he worked extremely hard during the summer and I always ask him if he's tired and he always smiles, shakes his head and says, 'no.'"

In addition to an effective showing from the offense and defense, special teams stepped up when the Commodores needed it. Senior kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt was two-for-two from field goal range, helping the Commodores end the night with a perfect 6-6 in

red zone scoring. Coach Johnson was pleased with how both Hahnfeldt and junior punter Brett Upson started their seasons.

"I thought Bryant kicked the ball really well and Upson did a great job of getting the ball out of bounds. I think both of their hard work from the off-season really paid off," Johnson said.

After opening the season with a road win for the first time in three years, the Commodores will look to build on the momentum next week when Southeastern Conference rival South Carolina (1-0) comes to town. ■

Slaying probe ongoing

Police look to community for leads in professor's death.

by **JUDY WANG**
and **EVE ATTERMANN**
News Specialists

Police are working on several leads in the case of the Aug. 26 shooting death of Associate Professor of Anthropology Pierre Robert Colas, according to Sergeant Robert Weaver of the Metropolitan East Precinct.



COLAS

"We are starting to figure out the victims and their home lives and seeing if the incident is related to others in the neighborhood," said Weaver. "We are also waiting for evidence to come back."

Colas was found dead by police who responded to a report of shots fired at 9:20 p.m. Tuesday evening. Colas' sister, who was visiting from Switzerland, was found injured and is now in critical condition at the Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Colas' father was flying in from Mexico City the next night; his brother was scheduled to arrive from Germany sometime that week.

Colas joined the Vanderbilt faculty in 2006 as an associate professor of anthropology and a scholar of Classic Mayan culture. Additionally, he specialized in the ethnography of the Yucatec Maya of Belize and cave archeology projects. He was fluent in six languages and researched hieroglyphic characters as a means of understanding the political and religious structure of Mayan society. Colas earned his Ph.D. at the University of Bonn and the University of Cologne in Germany.

"He was in every way a superb scholar and a delightful person," said Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Richard McCarty. "He was remarkably productive given that he was only 32 years old. I (know) how profound a loss this would be for his many friends, colleagues and students."

The Metropolitan Police are asking anyone with information to contact East Precinct Investigations at 615-862-7525 or Crime Stoppers at 74-CRIME. ■

Obama calls on America to change

by **KATHERINE MILLER**
and **ETHEL MICKY**
News Contributors

Four years ago, Sen. Barack Obama spoke of his unique personal history and the American dream as an unknown. Thursday night, before a crowd of 85,000, Obama accepted the Democratic nomination for president.

"This moment — this election — is our chance to keep, in the 21st century, the American promise alive," Obama said. "We are here because we love this country too much to let the next four years look just like the last eight. On Nov. 4th, we must stand up and say: 'Eight is enough.'"

The speech fell on 45th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech, an event lost on neither Obama nor his opponent. Before and after the speech, Sen. John McCain appeared in an advertisement congratulating Obama, and remarking on American progress in race relations.

This moment of unity between opponents highlighted a week's worth of Democratic unity.

Despite concerns about protesters and dissent by Clinton supporters, the convention concluded without any major incidents. Vanderbilt Professor Bruce Barry, whose class "Mass Mediated Politics" covers how the media shapes election cycles, underscored some of the issues the Democrats faced.



POOL / AP photo

Democratic presidential candidate, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., waves to the crowd on the final night of the Democratic National Convention at Invesco Field in Denver.

"The Democrats came into the convention with three separate things they needed to do," said Barry. "Bring holdout Clinton supporters around to some sense of party unity, convey to voters just now tuning in to the campaign a concrete sense of who Obama is and what his candidacy is about, and build a sharper critique of the McCain candidacy."

Beyond the speeches given by both Clinton and her husband, Clinton stopped the roll call vote Wednesday and called for Obama's nomination to be concluded by acclamation — a gesture intended to bring outlying Clinton supporters into the Obama camp.

And Obama did not refrain from critiquing McCain in his address.

"Senator McCain likes to talk about judgment," Obama said, "but really, what does it say about your judgment when you think George Bush was right more than 90 percent of the time? I don't know about you, but I'm not ready to take a 10 percent chance on change."

The change narrative was present throughout the night.

"Why is this election so close?" Al Gore asked. "I believe this election is close today because the forces of the status quo are desperately afraid of the change Obama represents."

Barry says the theme carries important implications for the younger generation. "The party and the candidate's emphasis on 'change' is assumed in part to appeal to younger voters, and polls show Obama well ahead with those voters, but that all assumes that younger voters turn out in larger than usual numbers in November."

McCain will announce his vice presidential candidate Friday, but Thursday was undoubtedly Obama's night.

"America, we are better than these last eight years," he said. "We are a better country than this." ■

GREEK SCENE: Alternative rock group Sister Hazel set to headline Greek Week this fall. [SEE PAGE 5](#)

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SUNDAY



HIGH 92, LOW 67
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HIGH 91, LOW 68
Partly Cloudy

NEWS BRIEFS

Preparations for Gustav made easy after Katrina

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—With Gustav approaching hurricane strength and showing no signs of veering off a track to slam into the Gulf Coast, authorities across the region began laying the groundwork Thursday to get the sick, elderly and poor away from the shoreline.

The first batch of 700 buses that could ferry residents inland were being sent to a staging area near New Orleans, and officials in Mississippi were trying to decide when to move Katrina-battered residents along the coast who were still living in temporary homes, including trailers vulnerable to high wind.

The preliminary planning for a potential evacuation is part of a massive outline drafted after Hurricane Katrina.

"There are a lot of things that are different between now and what we faced in 2005 when Katrina came ashore," said U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "We've had three years to put together a plan that never existed before."

Source: AP

Obama speech coincides with 45th anniversary of King's "I Have A Dream" speech

(AP)—Johnson, a Democratic delegate from Minnesota, is among at least a half-dozen witnesses to King's famous "I Have A Dream" speech who were on hand Thursday in Denver to see Barack Obama accept his party's nomination for president, a huge milestone in the fulfillment of the dream that King sketched out so long ago.

It is a coincidence Obama accepted his party's nomination on the 45th anniversary of King's speech, but one Democrats have been happy to embrace. Convention officials have made a point of highlighting the anniversary and scheduled a special breakfast Thursday to mark the occasion.

The nomination of a black man for president is something "I never thought I would live to see," said Henry L. Marsh III, 74, a state senator from Richmond, Va. He was there in Washington for King's speech, and for Obama's nomination acceptance speech at Invesco Field at Mile High stadium.

Marsh remembers being mesmerized by all of the speakers that day in 1963, but he said King's speech was the "icing on the cake." The speech "gave me a different perspective of the struggle I was in," said Marsh, who had been working as a lawyer in Virginia to desegregate courtrooms. "It made me realize that I was part of something much bigger than what I thought before."

Source: AP

Rapper DMX pleads out Florida drug case

MIAMI (AP)—Rapper DMX has pleaded out a Miami drug case and now awaits extradition to face more charges in Arizona.

The 37-year-old rapper and actor pleaded guilty Wednesday to attempted marijuana and cocaine possession and was sentenced to time served. His lawyer Bradford Cohen says DMX is still in custody, waiting for Arizona authorities to pick him up on drug and animal cruelty charges there.

Cohen says DMX, whose real name is Earl Simmons, decided to plead guilty when he was denied bail earlier this week due to the outstanding Arizona warrant.

Cohen says if he hadn't pleaded guilty, Simmons would have had to sit in jail in Miami until an October trial date.

Source: AP

Immigration Raids Employers

DALLAS (AP)—The president of family-owned Shipley Do-Nuts pleaded guilty to a federal charge Thursday in one of the latest crackdowns on employers who hire illegal immigrants.

Lawrence W. Shipley III pleaded guilty in Houston to a misdemeanor charge of continuing to employ unauthorized workers and was placed on six months probation, officials with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said.

Shipley Do-Nuts—which includes Shipley Do-Nut Flour and Supply Co. and Shipley Properties—is expected to plead guilty next week to knowingly hiring illegal immigrants, ICE said. The company would forfeit \$1.3 million and be placed on probation, ICE said.

The case is one of several brought recently against employers and managers who hire illegal immigrants. Since October 2007, ICE agents have made more than 1,000 criminal arrests of workers and others connected to worksite investigations. Out of those arrests, 116 involved company owners, managers, supervisors or human resources employees.

Immigrant advocates have long criticized ICE, saying the agency too often targets undocumented workers while letting the employers who hire them go unscathed.

Source: AP

US orchestrated conflict in Georgia

MOSCOW (AP)—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin accused the United States on Thursday of pushing Georgia toward war and said he suspects a connection to the U.S. presidential campaign of a contention the White House dismissed as "patently false."

In another sign of unraveling Russia-U.S. ties, Putin said that 19 U.S. poultry producers will be barred from exporting their products to Russia.

Putin, the former president and architect of an assertive foreign policy that stoked East-West tension even before Russia's war with the U.S.-allied ex-Soviet republic, suggested in an interview with CNN that there was an American presence amid the combat with a potential domestic U.S. political motive.

"We have serious grounds to think that there were U.S. citizens right in the combat zone," he said in the interview broadcast on state-run Russian television. "And if that's so, if that is confirmed, it's very bad. It's very dangerous."

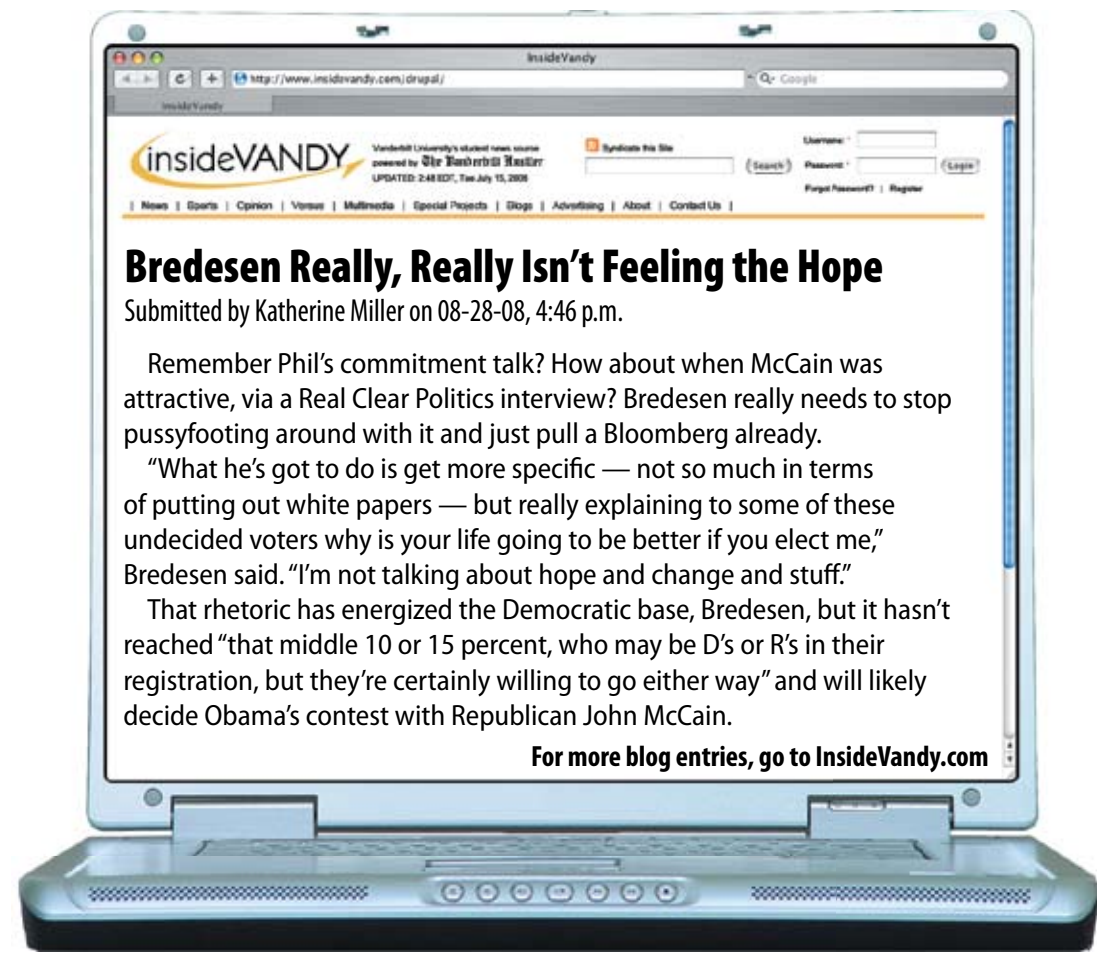
Putin's acid attack on the United States came as Moscow's bid to redraw Georgia's borders hit an obstacle among its Asian allies. France, meanwhile, said the European Union is considering sanctions against Russia for its conduct in the Caucasus.

The Russian leader said the poultry decision was unrelated to the Georgia issue. He said that the unnamed American producers ignored demands that they correct alleged deficiencies after examinations by Russian inspectors last year.

"We try and keep our industry out of politics and into marketing opportunities, but sometimes it's very difficult to separate the two," said Jim Sumner, president of the U.S.A. Poultry & Egg Export Council. He said Russia is a major market for American producers.

Source: AP

FROM THE BLOG



Bredesen Really, Really Isn't Feeling the Hope

Submitted by Katherine Miller on 08-28-08, 4:46 p.m.

Remember Phil's commitment talk? How about when McCain was attractive, via a Real Clear Politics interview? Bredesen really needs to stop pussyfooting around with it and just pull a Bloomberg already.

"What he's got to do is get more specific — not so much in terms of putting out white papers — but really explaining to some of these undecided voters why is your life going to be better if you elect me," Bredesen said. "I'm not talking about hope and change and stuff."

That rhetoric has energized the Democratic base, Bredesen, but it hasn't reached "that middle 10 or 15 percent, who may be D's or R's in their registration, but they're certainly willing to go either way" and will likely decide Obama's contest with Republican John McCain.

For more blog entries, go to InsideVandy.com

SNAPSHOT

VANDERBILT DEFENSE SWARMS REDHAWKS



JEFF CREECH / The Miami Student

Vanderbilt's D.J. Moore (17), Reshard Langford (33) and Steve Stone (96) try to recover the football after Moore forced a fumble during the Commodores' 34-13 win over Miami (Ohio) Thursday night.

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CAMPUS LIVING

Changes to the Pub cause controversy with students

by JENNIFER DENNARD
News Contributor

As students return to their familiar spots on campus, they may be in for a surprise when they stop by the Pub at Overcup Oak. Student menu favorites like chicken wings and fish and chips, along with several other items such as the dinner menu, are no longer available.

Vanderbilt Dining now offers a buffet that features a different type of cuisine each night — American Barbeque, South of the Border, Southeast Asia and Little Italy.

Director of Dining Camp Howard said the creation of the

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**Times corrected from Aug. 25 issue.*

buffet is an attempt to make the Pub live up to its name by creating a more relaxed atmosphere, as opposed to it having the same feel of any other restaurant on campus.

The Pub's kitchen is small for the number of customers it serves, and the corresponding long lines have caused students to complain in the past. The buffet and removal of items like the quesadilla should cut down

on cooking time and therefore shorten lines.

Although the addition of the dinner buffet hasn't seemed to faze students too much, some of the lunch menu changes have resulted in many disgruntled diners.

The removal of the chicken wings is one major change along with the replacement of the popular french fries with new twister fries. Dining has also tried to increase the variety of some particularly popular items, such as offering Nachos con Chili and BBQ Nachos in addition to the basic nachos. Some old-time favorites like the Squirrel Meal and the Tomato

Basil Panini are still offered.

Sophomore engineering student Travis Vollmer said he would "rather have the old Pub back" instead of the new buffet options. In response to these complaints, Vanderbilt Student Government Public Relations Director Theo Samets said VSG had "no idea" these changes were being made.

Despite this lack of communication, VSG and Dining are now working together to see if some revisions to the new Pub need to be made. Howard recommends students "go up and give it a try" before rejecting the new menu. ■



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Sophomore Colleen Cummings and Employee Luchia Ghebre serve food during the Pub's new buffet dinner.

LEADERSHIP

Williams-Smith platform underway for upcoming year

by LILY CHEN
Leadership Specialist

When asked about their platform in the Vanderbilt Student Government elections last semester, President Joseph Williams and Vice President Wyatt Smith stated numerous changes they wanted to make during the 2008-2009 term. While some of these changes have been completed, others are still in progress.

Williams and Smith ran a campaign last semester focusing on the upperclassmen experience, promising, among other things, improvements in housing and card service, more restaurants on the card and access to Gmail.

"We have come a long way with our platform already," said Williams, "Our platform was never about checking off bullet points and we've done our job, it's about making students' lives better day to day."

Currently, VSG is working on getting course syllabi online in time for spring semester class registration so that



WILLIAMS



SMITH

students can peruse syllabi and decide which classes to take.

They are also trying to make the quantified results from course evaluations available for students online so they may better judge whether or not they are interested in taking a class.

In addition, VSG is also looking into getting more restaurants on the card for the fall semester, including TGI Friday's and Tangredi's, both of which will soon be added.

"We're looking at a lot of restaurants and are in various stages of getting those restaurants on the card," Williams said. "Some are ready to sign and some said

come back in a couple of months."

VSG is also working with Dining to try to add Chick-fil-A to the Vanderbilt campus. Currently, they are in the process of researching food storage and menu options.

Williams also stated that in the upcoming months, VSG will work with VUPD, the Office of the Dean of Students and Housing to determine the best card access policy that will provide security with maximum convenience.

In addition, VSG is also attempting to get financial aid for students wanting to study abroad during the summer through the Global Summer Fellows Proposal.

"We're hoping to get some sort of pilot programming up for the summer of 2009 to sample and see what the demand is," Williams said.

As for printing quotas, Williams said that in order to implement a printing quota, some services offered would be taken away and prices for printing would increase. Instead, efforts could be

focused on convenience by getting more printing locations.

Regarding the upperclassmen experience, Williams said he recently created a committee to determine what kind of programming or benefits similar to those at The Commons could be applied to upperclassmen housing areas.

"It could be things like more VSG dinner discussions or lectures, anything to engage upperclassmen and improve their experience," Williams said.

Internally, VSG is planning on forming an open committee structure and changing its constitution to enable any student at large to apply to one of its six committees: security, community service, organizational relations, campus services, student services and technology and athletics.

"It's important that all students get an opportunity to participate in VSG," said Smith. "In the past, only people who were house presidents could apply but that was limiting the talent pool and

there are many passionate people in the student body who can really improve the things we do."

So far, the new VSG administration has switched VUwebmail to Gmail, pushed through big improvements in Kissam and implemented improvements in dining and in Rand.

According to Williams, VSG was the leading voice in getting TVs in Rand, getting the partitions so that Rand will always be open to students, updating the menu of Chef James Bistro and in making frozen foods available in the Hemingway Market.

Also, Smith said students are now able to reserve space in most rooms in the College of Arts and Sciences free of charge.

"With all these issues we're handling, I think it's important that we (VSG) stretch ourselves," Smith said. "If you don't, then you're complacent and you're not improving student life. Plus, now we have the momentum to take on more issues in the future." ■

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SCIENCE & MEDICINE

Kickoff Picnic marks the start of Vanderbilt's School of Nursing Centennial Celebration

by ALLIE MORRIS
Science and Medicine Specialist

While walking to class Wednesday afternoon, you may have noticed a large white tent blocking your path from Rand to Stevenson, swarming with people and emitting a boom of music and speeches.

You stumbled upon the Kickoff Picnic, an event marking the start of the Vanderbilt School of Nursing Centennial Celebration. The event, lasting from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug. 27, included free food, live music and prize drawings, and was hosted by Chancellor Nick Zeppos, Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs Harry Jacobson and Dean Colleen Conway-Welch.

Betsey Usher, Centennial coordinator, said she expected the event to attract roughly 3,000 visitors.

"I think a lot of people don't value what nurses do ... it is our year to make a big deal. The point of the celebration is to raise awareness that we exist and are a great school," said Usher.

Susan Shipley, alumni director at the School of Nursing, who ran the "Thank a Nurse Station" where visitors could express their thanks to

nurses on a large canvas that will later be hung in the school, said the point of the celebration is to raise awareness and to say, "Hey, Vandy, we have a centennial this year!"

The yearlong Centennial Celebration will include a lecture series beginning on Sept. 18 with Lt. General Russel Honore. The school will also hold a gala on Oct. 23 where it will honor the school's top 100 leaders chosen from the school's 7,181 graduates.

The Vanderbilt School of Nursing was established in 1908 and served as a training ground for people interested in working as nurses at the hospital. The school used to be located on 5th Avenue and Elm Street, before it moved in 1925 to its current location on Vanderbilt's campus.

Over the past 100 years, more has changed at the nursing school than just the location. When classes first started in 1908, only a handful of students attended classes. Now, more than 700 students are currently enrolled and the school now offers 18 different masters specialty programs, a PhD program and its newest degree, a doctor of nursing practice. ■

GREEK SCENE

Sister Hazel to headline Greek Week

by JANELLE STOKES
Greek Life Specialist

Greek Week is a yearly event featuring the best of what Greek life at Vanderbilt has to offer. Performers for this event have included Coolio and Pat Green, and this year Presidents of the Panhellenic, Interfraternity and National Pan-Hellenic Councils have been working towards bringing great entertainment.

Alternative rock group Sister Hazel is expected to headline

the Sept. 26 event but the formalities of the contract have not been signed yet. According to Tanner Marcantel, Assistant Director of GreekLife, the band's attendance at this event has not been confirmed. Sister Hazel recently released a live acoustic album, "Before The Amplifiers." Dustin Lynch, a local Nashville musician, is scheduled to open for the headliner at this year's Greek Week.

Greek Week will be held Sept. 23-Sept. 27.



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Small GPS devices help prosecutors win convictions

Associated Press

(AP) Like millions of motorists, Eric Hanson used a GPS unit in his Chevrolet TrailBlazer to find his way around. He probably didn't expect that prosecutors would eventually use it too — to help convict him of killing four family members.

Prosecutors in suburban Chicago analyzed data from the Garmin GPS device to pinpoint where Hanson had been on the morning after his parents were fatally shot and his sister and brother-in-law bludgeoned to death in 2005. He was convicted of the killings earlier this year and sentenced to death.

Hanson's trial was among recent criminal cases around the country in which authorities used GPS navigation devices to help establish a defendant's whereabouts. Experts say such evidence will almost certainly

become more common in court as GPS systems become more affordable and show up in more vehicles.

"There's no real doubt," said Alan Brill, a Minnesota-based computer forensics expert who has worked with the FBI and Secret Service. "This follows every other technology that turns out to have information of forensic value. I think what we're seeing is evolutionary."

Using technology to track a person's location is nothing new. For years, police have been able to trace cell phone signals and use other dashboard devices such as automatic toll-collection systems to confirm a driver's whereabouts.

But the growing popularity of GPS systems — in cars, cell phones and other handheld devices — gives authorities another powerful tool to track suspects.

Developed for the military,

GPS navigation systems started showing up in cars in the 1990s. Prices have dropped sharply in the past few years, and many units are now available for less than \$150.

The Consumer Electronics Association estimates 20 percent of American households own a portable GPS system and 9 percent have vehicles equipped with in-dash systems.

Detectives are often able to extract map searches and desired destinations that have been entered into a GPS unit by the user. Some devices are equipped with a "track back" feature that can show where the unit was at a particular time.

"What we're dealing with here is a use of the technology that I don't think the good people at Magellan or Garmin or TomTom really thought about when they were developing it," said Brill, referring to manufacturers of GPS devices.

Law enforcement sometimes uses secretly planted GPS devices to monitor suspects. The practice, often done without a warrant or court order, has been criticized by privacy advocates who argue it is unconstitutional.

Renee Hutchins, a University of Maryland law professor and former defense attorney, recently wrote an article suggesting GPS data is protected under the Fourth Amendment. She said police should only be allowed to acquire it by showing probable cause and getting a warrant signed by a judge.

"I think that in the last couple of years, people are starting to be aware that if they have these units in their car, people can keep track of you," Hutchins said. "I think it's a growing public awareness. The problem is ... that most people feel like, 'I'm not doing anything wrong, so who cares?' But I think that's the wrong way of looking at it." ■



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Convention gives GOP time to shine



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The 2008 Republican National Convention convenes Monday, Sept. 1, and I am thoroughly stoked. While most consider these modern-day conventions to be archaic rituals designed to boost the egos of our nominees and suck time and money out of the lives of their constituents, I actually find them fascinating. The amount of drama and intrigue that inevitably results from such a large number of politicians and overzealous supporters, not to mention the feeding frenzy that is American media, in such a small space for four straight days is nothing short of astonishing.

Sex scandals, racial controversy and celebrity appearances aside, however, the most interesting thing about these gatherings results from the fact most everyone present plays for the same team. After months of public debate, attack ads and political brown-nosing, the American public finally get to see what their candidates have to say.

Now I know what you're thinking — John McCain? Riveting? Really? Yes, he's old. Yes, he has grey hair, a generally unremarkable style of speech and conservative views. And yes, he's white. Once I am able to look past these unforgivable sins of American politics, however, the man utterly fascinates me. I want to know, for example, what makes a Vietnam veteran who was brutally tortured as a prisoner of war for almost six years continue to want to serve his country in any capacity, let alone one in which he is an adamant proponent for the continued use of force in Iraq. I want to know what a man with seven children, three of whom are adopted, has to say about the state of public education in our country or the ethics of abortion. I also want to know how this seasoned campaigner plans to walk the tightrope of party incumbency, maintaining his conservative supporters while shaking off the dirty coattails of one of our country's most publicly ridiculed presidents. All of this will begin to take shape through the convention's second traditional function: the revelation of the party platform, which will serve as the basis for the remainder of McCain's candidacy. In film, it usually occurs around the midpoint of the storyline — a seemingly inconsequential moment at which the stakes are raised, the main character's initial journey changes course towards a much larger scale and nothing in his world, or ours, is ever the same. Up until this point, the majority of paper inches devoted to the 2008 campaign have been dominated by the race for the Democratic nomination — another fantastic source of heat and drama that has sadly come to a close with convention week. Beginning Sept. 4, however, 50 percent of the nation's political attention will be focused on a surprisingly intriguing, straight-talking, Southern Baptist Navy man who has previously relished the role of underdog in contests as close as this one is shaping up to be. Personally, I cannot wait to see what happens.

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EDITORIAL

McCain shows decency

On Thursday night, John McCain ran a television advertisement following Barack Obama's acceptance speech that both sums up the sort of campaign McCain has been waging (and Obama wishes he were) and caps off an impressively effective series of ads from the GOP nominee.

In the ad, McCain congratulates Obama for receiving the nomination for president. McCain notes, "how perfect that your nomination would come on this historic day," referencing the 45th anniversary of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s historic "I Have a Dream" speech. It's a gesture that indicates McCain may indeed hope to maintain a "different kind of campaign."

McCain purchased ad time for every night of the convention to counter the Democrats' headline-grabbing message push. Some expected that McCain might use Thursday's space to introduce his vice presidential pick, with the hope that such an announcement could temper the coverage of the Obama speech. Rather than go this (poorly advised) route, McCain elected to showcase his decency with the congratulatory spot. The ad also showcased his bipartisan streak.

While Obama made this election largely about national unity with his lofty language and claims of bipartisanship activity, McCain actually holds the more sound record on reaching across the aisle. From campaign finance reform to comprehensive immigration reform (dangerous policies nonetheless), McCain has a

documented history of working with Democrats as well as with his own party. Obama, on the other hand, is listed as one of the most liberal senators by the National Journal and lacks a substantial voting record that shows an effort to work with Republicans.

These talking points are nothing new, but the symbolism of Thursday night's ad should remind voters of exactly who is reaching out to whom. When McCain offered to hold 10 town hall meetings this fall, Obama turned down a chance to shake up the current electoral system for a change. When Obama expressed denial about the progress U.S. troops have made in Iraq as a result in the surge, McCain publicly offered him a chance to visit Iraq and re-examine his stance. Obama remains unwavering in his opposition to the surge, which has been praised by both Democrats and Republicans.

So after a week of partying by the Democrats in Denver, where we heard both moderate Mark Warner insinuate that Republicans don't "believe in science" and an acceptance four years in the making, a calm and gracious "congratulations" from McCain reminds Americans how remarkable Obama's nomination is. What is also remarkable is that a politician took a break from his (necessary) campaigning against an opponent to make a decent and apparently genuine gesture.

America would be better off if Obama did the same.

Dean's response validates paper's position

The Hustler is pleased to see that Dean of Commons Frank Wcislo agrees with Wednesday's editorial that Tony Brown's satiric letter should not have been written. We were also encouraged that Wcislo's detailed response to the editorial acknowledges, "everybody has the right to disagree and have their arguments subjected to

reasoned criticism" and recognizes the libertarian objections to signing an alcohol abstinence pledge. The Hustler also respects the Dean's disagreements with the editorial. Visit Common Place at <http://commonplace.vanderbilt.edu> to read Dean Wcislo's response to the editorial, available on InsideVandy.com.

VSG pledges to meet the needs of students

To the Editor:

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The Campus Services Committee (which

oversees Campus Dining, Munchie Marts, the Card Office, the mailroom, the bookstore, Environmental Affairs, along with services provided in Sarratt Student Center, the Student Life Center, the Commons and academic buildings) want to hear any questions, comments or suggestions you may have about these services and facilities. Both the administration and VSG are dedicated to the needs of the students. Please email us at VSGCampusServices@vanderbilt.edu with your ideas. VSG would love to hear from you!

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Compiled by Thomas Shattuck

"Put the crossword puzzle back on the back page!"

"Vegetarianism and anorexia do NOT go hand-in-hand. Grins, using sauce containers for sides is not adequate, even if it saves 10 cents (of course, not using a lid on my eat-in order would have done the same, and would have been pro-environment, too)."

"To the guy sitting next to me in physics, do you really need to talk about incontinence right before class?"

"The green hiking trail arrows ... what misguided course of actions led, to them, what lost soul decided to place them in such an unhelpful way, and how long until this misdirection of funds goes away?"

Chef James Bistro: shiny, new, plenty of room for improvement



ELLIOT HALL
Columnist

When I returned to the Rand Dining Center this fall, I was pleasantly surprised with the new Chef James Bistro. It looked clean, smooth and reminded me of the Commons, which is certainly no coincidence — perhaps it was an effort to placate the Class of 2011, the only class to not even have the chance to live on the Commons. But alas, the face-lift for the dining center was only that: a superficial artifice that fails to address major service issues.

Last year, Tuesdays through Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. was the busiest time in Rand. But while lines were long, traffic flowed and I usually managed to get my food within five or 10 minutes. According to Dining, Rand was "... transformed into a more open, 'dressed up' environment with new floors, ceilings and serving lines." What ever improvements over the original Rand Dining thought this reconstruction would have, they were wrong. Tuesday was the first test of the new set up, and it failed. Instead of speeding things up, the Chef James Bistro only served as a dead end. Students had nowhere to go, resulting in a pile of students struggling to get into different lines. There was no discernible flow or direction to the mess.

But the traffic jam was not limited to the Bistro side. The removal of the hallway had the double effect of packing the regular dining center to capacity with hungry students and filling the small hallway near the sliding doors. And the ever-popular smoothie station? Tucked away neatly on the bottom floor of Sarratt, out of the way of major traffic flow, in the name of "gourmet" food and "clean lines."

The management in this case has made a mistake. In their effort to make Rand into the second Commons, they have replaced function with form. This decision has resulted in a system that fails at peak capacity, resulting in a very unfavorable dining experience.

So what can we do about it? Nothing, really. Construction isn't something we can put to a vote. We can't go back now. Dining has made the decision, for better or worse, and now we are stuck with the consequences. The solution to this sleek, clean and very inefficient dining problem is simply to not eat there, or eat at non-peak hours. Ro*Tiki will probably experience a sizable increase in traffic; after all, a five-minute walk for a five-minute wait at Branscomb beats a 15- or 20-minute wait at Rand. Rand itself will also probably experience an increase in traffic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., spreading the lunch hour over a longer period.

It is my hope Vanderbilt Dining will learn an important lesson from this mistake. More specifically, I hope the management will consult an engineer with experience in managing traffic flow about any future dining "improvements," rather than an architect with experience in designing the light fixtures or glass sneeze guards. I'd be much happier getting my food in a timely manner than marveling at how the glass and aluminum accent each other.

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SPORTS

Nickson brilliant in return as starting quarterback

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Specialist

For the first time in 10 months, Chris Nickson stepped back into the starting quarterback position for Vanderbilt, determined to make the most of an opportunity that seemed lost after a forgettable 2007 season.

Did he ever. Showing the dual-threat talent that made him a star for Vanderbilt two years ago, Nickson made big play after big play with his arm and his legs, leading the Commodores to a convincing 34-13 victory over Miami in both teams' season openers. The elusive signal-caller rushed for 166 yards and two touchdowns, and completed nine of 16 passes for 90 yards, one score and no turnovers.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson was pleased but not altogether unsurprised by the performance.

"That's why we had him in there," said Johnson. "He just makes people miss."

Nickson's 2006 sophomore campaign was one of the greatest in school history, but in 2007 he hit a roadblock. Last night showed a return to form.

In the first quarter, Nickson

hooked up with receiver Sean Walker for 50 yards with a perfectly executed play action pass. Three plays later, Nickson was given plenty of time by a stout offensive line and found Walker in the back of the end zone for a touchdown and early 7-3 lead the team wouldn't relinquish.

"Being able to put points on the board, it made us calm down and take our time," said Nickson. "It was fun doing it."

While Nickson made good decisions all night throwing the football, it was his mobility and quickness that made him a nightmare all night for the Miami defense to stop.

After Miami cut Vanderbilt's lead to seven in the second quarter, Nickson took off for a 59-yard run on a draw, setting up his own 14-yard touchdown run that put Vanderbilt up 24-10. In the fourth quarter with Miami still in possible striking distance, Nickson led a long, punishing 11-play, 71-yard touchdown drive, running for two first downs and taking the wind out of the RedHawks. The redshirt senior looked to be in confident charge of the offense throughout the entire game.

"He can throw the ball, he

can run the ball, he does it in all kinds of different ways," Johnson said.

The starting quarterback position had been up for grabs during all of preseason between Nickson and redshirt junior Mackenzi Adams. Nickson started with the job last year after a sensational sophomore campaign, but Adams replaced him midseason after a separated joint in his right shoulder rendered Nickson largely ineffective. It seemed unlikely that the Chris Nickson who had shown so much promise in 2006 would ever come back.

But make no mistake, the old Nickson was back last night. A seemingly busted play became a big gain, a seemingly inconvertible long third down was converted with a streak of speed and a seemingly powerful red-clad defense was left catching its breath in the wake of No. 3.

"My teammates told me I looked better at 22 than I did at 19," Nickson said. "It was fun, I feel young and I felt good. I used some techniques I used in the off-season, it worked for us, and it was a great game plan by our coaches tonight." ■



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Vanderbilt quarterback Chris Nickson (3) runs ahead of Miami (Ohio) defensive lineman Morris Council (85) during the first quarter of Thursday night's game. Nickson rushed for a career-high 166 yards in Vanderbilt's season-opening victory.

friday conversation with CATWEARN

Interview by PETER LETARTE
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Redshirt freshman women's soccer player Cat Wearn was named the Southeastern Conference offensive player of the week after her game-winning goal in overtime last Sunday against Belmont. Wearn sat down with *The Vanderbilt Hustler* to discuss how she came back from last year's season-ending injury, her favorite bonding activity with the team and what music pumps her up for a game.



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VANDERBILT HUSTLER: What was it like being injured all of last year?

CAT WEARN: It was hard having to sit out and watch the team play for a year but I think, ultimately, it helped me this year.

VH: What did you do last year to stay in shape for this year?

CW: I spent last year doing rehab all during the fall. When the team practiced I would go and run on the field and the sidelines and do lunges and whatever, and then I played with the team in the spring.

VH: If you could play one other sport at Vanderbilt for a day, which would it be?

CW: I would play lacrosse because I have a lot of good friends on that team and I would get to play with them.

VH: What is your favorite bonding activity that the girl's soccer team does together?

CW: Pontooning. Over the summer we were here in July for workouts so on Saturdays we would go pontooning out on the lake. We'd go for a day and lie out and tube. It was fun.

VH: What is your favorite food?

CW: Banana bread.

VH: What is on your iPod right now?

CW: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Jack Johnson, Dave Matthews, some rap and some country.

VH: What was it like being named SEC Player of the Week?

CW: It was a surprise. It felt great, but for the goal I really didn't do much. (Laughs)

VH: What do you consider your greatest sporting moment?

CW: Scoring the goal last week!

VH: What is your pre-game routine like?

CW: We have pre-game meals and then everyone just hangs out in the locker room. We eat breakfast food like eggs, yogurt, cereal or sometimes pasta.

VH: What gets you pumped up before the games?

CW: Music. I love Red Hot Chili Peppers. My favorite song is "Under the Bridge."

News coverage expands to report on recruits

by MIKE KRANZLER
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As a new regular feature to the *Hustler*, the paper will provide coverage of football and men's basketball recruits verbally committing to play for Vanderbilt.

Due to NCAA bylaws, coaches and athletics staff are not permitted to discuss any recruit before he signs a National Letter of Intent to come to Vanderbilt. The *Hustler*, however, will provide the basic information about each recruit as he announces his intention to play for the Commodores, with more in-depth coverage once National Signing Day passes.

The football team currently boasts 11 publicly announced recruits, headlined by Brady Brown, a 6-foot-5-inch wide receiver from Argyle, Texas. He caught 97 passes for 1,077 yards and 12 touchdowns in his junior year.

Offensive and defensive linemen generally do not generate much press, but the

Dores may have found gems in 276-pound defensive tackle Darius McMullin and Florida offensive guard Justin Cabbagestalk.

The team has also received the commitments of three more defenders in Chattanooga safety Jay Fullam, defensive end Walker May of Alabama and Georgia linebacker Blake Southerland, whose older brother is the starting fullback for the University of Georgia.

The offensive backfield will welcome some new members next fall in standout running backs Warren Norman — who totaled over 1,500 yards and 28 total touchdowns last year — and Zac Stacy, who racked up over 2,000 all-purpose yards and 27 touchdowns of his own. The Commodores have also signed dual-threat quarterback Charlie Goro, who is faster than some running backs.

Mason Johnston, a 6-foot-4-inch tight end from the same Jacksonville high school

as current Commodore Ryan van Rensburg rounds out the offensive side of the ball. Fellow Floridian Eric Samuels was recruited to Vanderbilt as an "athlete," meaning that he does not yet have a defined position on his future team but the coaches will find a role for him when he gets to campus.

With few scholarships to work with, the basketball team has only signed one recruit thus far, but at this point he is the highest-rated player to commit to the program since the Rivals Network began ranking recruits in 2002. John Jenkins, a skinny 6-foot-4-inch shooting guard from nearby Gallatin, is one of the best pure shooters in his class, having averaged close to 30 points per game last year.

The *Vanderbilt Hustler* will continue to provide updates as more recruits commit to play for the Vanderbilt Commodores. ■

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