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**LETTER:** Guns in the hands of students? Not such a bright idea, editor. SEE PAGE 8

## 'College GameDay' arrives



Security Guards and Police helping to set up ESPN GameDay on the Commons lower quad on Thursday Oct. 2, 2008.

ERIC GLASSER / TheVanderbiltHustler



The biggest football game in university history will bring an unprecedented level of national interest to campus when ESPN's "College GameDay" broadcasts live from The Commons this weekend.

### LOCATION

The Commons Center, 18th Avenue South and Horton Avenue. Cameras will face south toward Stambaugh House from the lawn in front of the Commons Center.

### BROADCAST SCHEDULE:

#### Friday:

6 – 10 a.m.: 104.5 The Zone broadcasts live from Sarratt Student Center

3:30 – 3:50 p.m.: College Football Live with Lee Corso, Kirk Herbstreit, Desmond Howard and Chris Fowler will air on ESPN at the Commons Center patio. The public is invited to attend.

#### Saturday:

8 – 9 a.m.: Live segments of ESPN's College Gameday for SportsCenter. Gates will open at 7 a.m.; again, the public is invited to attend.

9 – 11 a.m.: Live broadcast of College GameDay.

*Chick-fil-A will be providing free sandwiches for students during Saturday's live broadcast of College GameDay.*

*Vanderbilt athletics officials will be distributing Vanderbilt T-shirts for students on Friday and Saturday during ESPN's broadcast times.*

## GREEK SCENE

# 'Pink Out' aims to raise money for breast cancer research

by DANA KELLEY  
News Contributor

In a sea of black and gold, Commodore supporters at this Saturday's home game against Auburn might see another color in the stands: pink.

On Saturday, Oct. 4, Alpha Kappa Alpha and Sigma Lambda Gamma sororities will attempt to "Pink Out" the stadium to fundraise for the Susan G. Komen Foundation and Breast Cancer Awareness month.

"(The) aim is to address the many health issues and crises that face our community, especially minorities," said Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. member junior Sherie Byrd. "I think that people, once they see what it is and why we're doing it, will be willing to participate."

"Pink Out" T-shirts have been sold on the Wall this week and are available for purchase on Saturday at the tailgate. The shirts are to be worn during the game to show support for breast cancer research and awareness. All proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

Both sororities wanted to collaborate on the event, which is taking place during Breast Cancer Awareness month, because of a shared history in advocating for the cause.

Sigma Lambda Gamma's philanthropy is breast cancer awareness and the Alpha Kappa Alphas have worked on projects with the Susan G. Komen

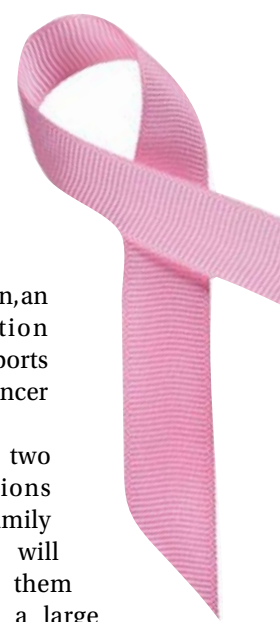
Foundation, an organization that supports breast cancer research.

The two organizations hope Family Weekend will enable them to recruit a large group of participants. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. member junior TaCara Harris said she wanted students and their families to get involved.

"We want everyone to be aware of the issues of breast cancer," said Harris.

Sigma Lambda Gamma, a new multicultural colony on campus, hopes to improve its recognition on campus by working with an established sorority like Alpha Kappa Alpha for what it feels is an important fundraiser.

"By doing events like this that really try to get the whole Vanderbilt community involved, (it) lets people see our name," said sophomore Mia Crusto, coordinator and social chair of Sigma Lambda Gamma. ■



## CAMPUS LIVING

# First-years compete for a greener Vanderbilt

by ETHEL MICKEY  
News Contributor

In 2007, Vanderbilt consumed over 363,000 megawatt-hours of electricity, the same amount of electricity consumed by the almost 23,500 homes in the Nashville area last year.

Starting Monday, Oct. 6, each house in the Commons will be participating in a House Energy Competition that might serve to reduce this energy consumption.

The competition, sponsored by

Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Responsibility, is set to last for the entire month, ending on Nov. 3. The winning house will be determined by the greatest percent reduction in kilowatt use per square foot from last month. The prize is a pizza party with masseuses from the Wellness Resource Center.

According to SustainVU's website, The Commons Center is a gold-certified LEED building, meaning that it is 28 percent more energy efficient than other buildings of its type. Exemplifying

the recent changes on campus regarding sustainability, the Commons houses provide a great site to host this competition.

SPEAR's mission is to promote more environmentally sustainable practices and infrastructure on campus and in the greater Nashville community, and its goal is that the House Energy Competition will both raise awareness and establish new habits among the first-year students. The group hopes all Vanderbilt students will become conscious of their individual impact on the environment; however,

they realize this will take time and effort on their part.

"It takes two weeks for habits to form. We're hoping that in the course of a month, students will form sustainable habits that will stick for the rest of the year," said Vice President of SPEAR sophomore Leslie Labruto.

Some of the new habits Labruto mentioned were turning off lights when leaving a room, including bathrooms and common areas, using only cold water for laundry, taking shorter showers and controlling thermostats.

"This is the first year students can control the thermostats, so that's a huge way to save energy. Just lower it a couple of degrees," Labruto said.

More "greener living tips" will be provided by SustainVU each week of the competition on its website, <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu>. Vanderbilt's Think One energy conservation campaign will be working in conjunction with SPEAR on this competition. Think One can be found at <http://www.vanderbilt.edu/sustainvu/thinkone/index.php>. ■

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### Colleges scramble as investment fund freezes

**NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)**—An investment fund that serves about 1,000 colleges and private schools partially froze withdrawals this week amid the credit crunch, forcing colleges to develop new plans to pay bills.

Wachovia Bank, trustee for the \$9.3 billion Short Term Fund offered by Commonfund, said Monday it was terminating the fund and establishing a process to ensure the orderly liquidation and distribution of the fund's assets. Wachovia initially told investors Monday that they could only withdraw 10 percent of their money, but that figure was increased to 34 percent by Wednesday and 37 percent by Thursday.

About 200 colleges and universities have about \$1 billion in the intermediate fund, which is used for long-term needs, such as equipment plant purchases, he said.

Partially freezing the Short Term Fund as officials prepare for liquidation prevents a run on money and protects investors, said Laura Fay, a Wachovia spokeswoman.

The fund provides returns slightly above U.S. Treasury bills. About 85 percent of the fund was invested in high-quality commercial paper from blue chip companies, while the rest is in securities backed by mortgages and other assets, Luke said.

Amid the housing industry slump and turmoil affecting banks and credit markets, such investments have become increasingly unpopular as investors seek safer options like Treasury bills.

### Bailout hopes rise as more 'no' votes switch

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Desperate to avoid another market-crushing defeat, House leaders won key converts Thursday to the \$700 billion financial industry bailout on the eve of a make-or-break second vote.

President Bush and congressional leaders lobbied furiously for the dozen or so supporters they'd need to reverse Monday's stunning setback and approve a massive rescue plan designed to stave off national economic disaster.

Anything but reassured, investors sent the Dow Jones industrials plunging another 348 points, suggesting Wall Street is expecting tougher economic times even if the measure is rushed into law. The Federal Reserve reported record emergency lending to banks and investment firms, fresh evidence of the credit troubles squeezing the country.

The top Republican vote-counter, Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, did predict the measure would be approved.

Minds were changing in both parties in favor of the much-maligned measure, which would let the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets from troubled financial institutions. If the plan works, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a serious recession.

The Senate breathed new life into the measure Wednesday after the stinging House defeat, voting 74-25 to approve the bailout, with additions designed to appeal to key constituencies. Business lobbyists were also inundating Capitol Hill in a rush to win over wavering lawmakers in both parties.

### Suicide attackers strike Shiite mosques, kill 24

**BAGHDAD (AP)**—Suicide bombers struck two Shiite mosques in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 24 people and wounding dozens during celebrations marking the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan.

To the north, suspected Shiite militiamen gunned down six members of a Sunni family, including women and children, police reported.

Those attacks occurred four days after a series of explosions killed 32 people and wounded nearly 100 in Shiite areas of Baghdad, raising fears that al-Qaida in Iraq is trying to provoke Sunni-Shiite reprisal killings now that the last of the American "surge" troops have left the country.

In the deadliest attack, a suicide car bomber detonated his explosives about 20 yards from a mosque in Zafaraniyah in southeastern Baghdad. The blast killed 14 people, including three Iraqi soldiers, and wounded 28, police said.

The death toll would likely have been higher, but Iraqi soldiers prevented the attacker from driving closer to the mosque, police said.

In the other attack in the capital, a suicide bomber who appeared to be in his late teens detonated his explosive belt as worshippers were leaving the Rasoul mosque in the eastern New Baghdad district.

Ten people died and 24 were wounded, police and officials at al-Kindi and Ibn al-Nasif hospitals said. The dead included a guard who blocked the attacker from entering the mosque, police said.

The Iraqi army said 17 people were killed in the two blasts. But area hospitals said that figure did not include victims who died later from their wounds.

### Somali pirates stick to \$20 million ransom demand

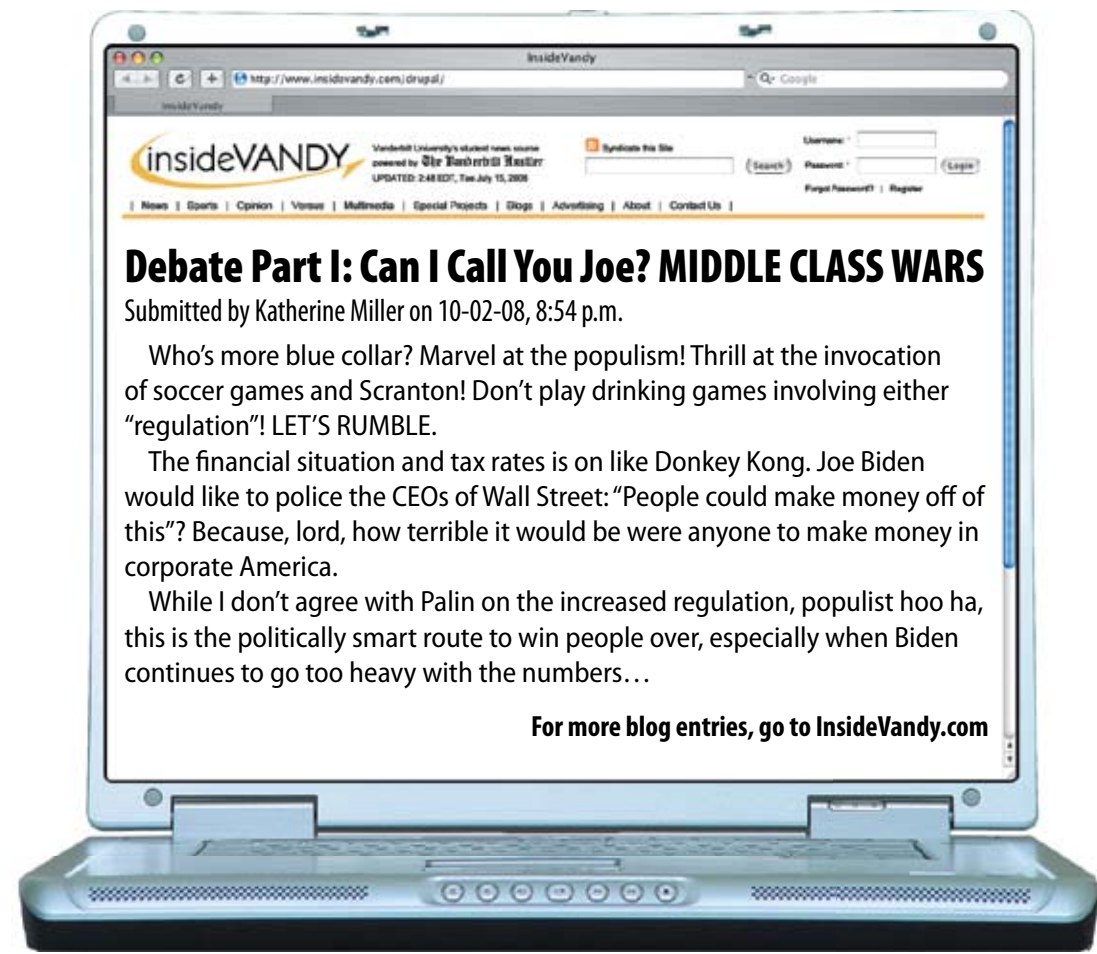
**MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)**—A Somali pirate spokesman says his group will not release a hijacked Ukrainian cargo ship loaded with arms for less than \$20 million.

Sugule Ali told the Associated Press on Thursday the pirates would "never" reduce the ransom of the Ukrainian freighter loaded with 33 Soviet-designed tanks and other weapons. The MV Faina was seized last Thursday and is now anchored off the coast of central Somalia.

The pirates have been negotiating with the ship's owners. There are 20 crew aboard the ship.

Ali warned that any attempt at deception or commando raids on the ship would be met with repercussions.

## FROM THE BLOG



### Debate Part I: Can I Call You Joe? MIDDLE CLASS WARS

Submitted by Katherine Miller on 10-02-08, 8:54 p.m.

Who's more blue collar? Marvel at the populism! Thrill at the invocation of soccer games and Scranton! Don't play drinking games involving either "regulation"! LET'S RUMBLE.

The financial situation and tax rates is on like Donkey Kong. Joe Biden would like to police the CEOs of Wall Street: "People could make money off of this"? Because, lord, how terrible it would be were anyone to make money in corporate America.

While I don't agree with Palin on the increased regulation, populist hoo ha, this is the politically smart route to win people over, especially when Biden continues to go too heavy with the numbers...

For more blog entries, go to [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com)

## SNAPSHOT

### PI PHI IN PARADISE



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Sophomores Pete Wild, Anson Wilks, Mike Raffinelo and Spencer Summers of Pi Kappa Alpha perform at Pi Phi's island-themed benefit on Thursday afternoon.



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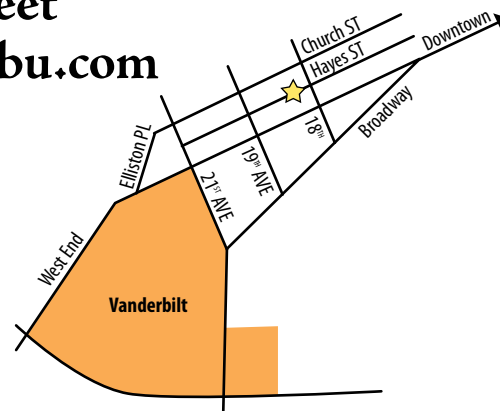
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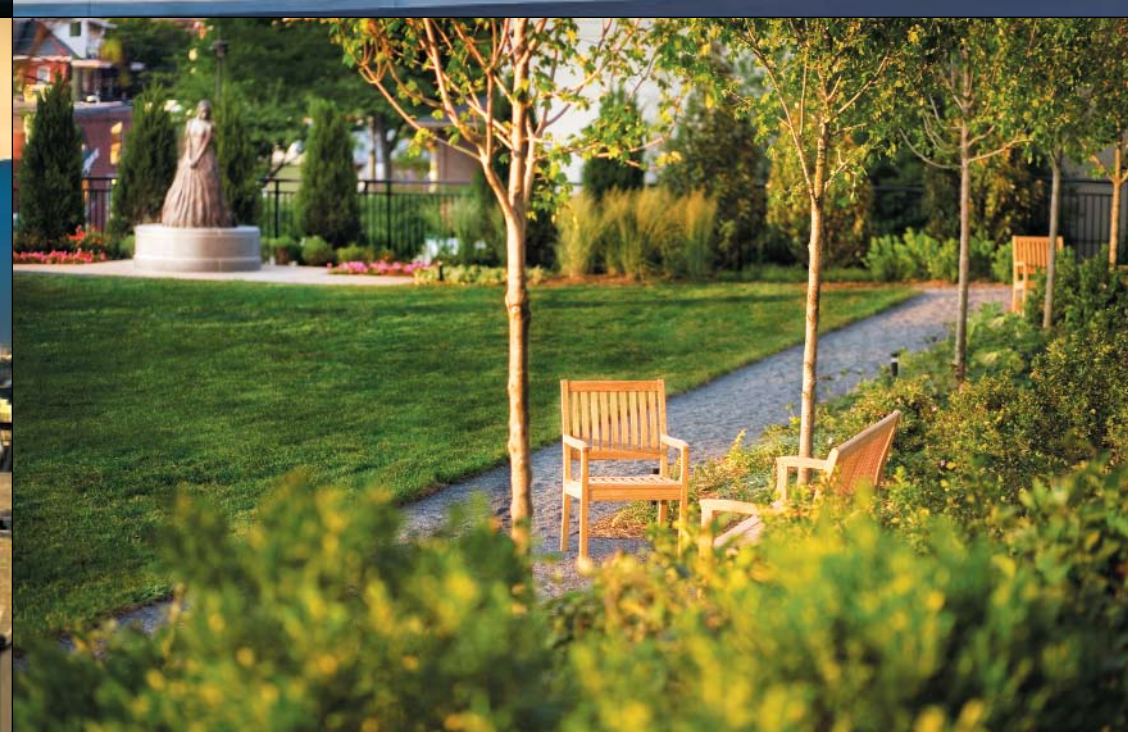


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**ADMINISTRATION**

# Professors balance demands of teaching, research institution

by **CHRISTEL MARINCICH**  
News Contributor

When it comes to maintaining the balance between research and teaching, faculty members at Vanderbilt sometimes struggle to perform both at the high level that is required of them.

"(Research and teaching) are both very time consuming. I do think it is a challenge, but

we have a great faculty that is capable of doing this," said the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Science Carolyn Dever. "When faculty members are evaluated for promotions there are three criteria: teaching excellence, research excellence and service to the Vanderbilt community, and the first two are the most important of the three."

The demand for research

varies within each department. While humanities departments require the publishing of books and articles, faculty in the sciences usually focus on journal articles.

"We expect that engineering faculty will be engaged in research that will be influential, published and externally supported," said Dean of the School of Engineering Kenneth F. Galloway. "We measure this

by the number of publications, the impact of the work, the external financial support, the success of students mentored and the written opinion of experts in the faculty member's area of expertise."

Sometimes the pressure of publishing to obtain tenure can interfere with the time devoted to teaching, according to some professors. Since at Vanderbilt teaching and research are


equally valued, faculty members have to manage to excel in both of them.

"Teaching is highly valued. Through the years, I have seen faculty members that have strong records of scholarship but they haven't attained tenure because their teaching is lacking," said James H. Hogge, associate dean of Peabody.

The pressure of publishing also comes from the fact that a

large number of well-published faculty means the prestige of the school improves.

"Research is an important step not only for the faculty member, but also for the institution. This is one of those instances where the member and the institution merge and this is better for the students too because then the school's reputation where they are attending will be better," Hogge said. ■



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**GREEK SCENE**

## Alpha Week to build more than houses

by **JANELLE STOKES**  
Greek Specialist

"We're starting with the foundation and ending with a house," said Chairman of Alpha Week senior Ivie Baker about the meaning of this year's Alpha Week, entitled "Alpha Depot."

"Alpha Depot," a week of programming hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. from Oct. 5-11, is meant to build upon the emotional, political and spiritual foundations of the student body.

The events for the week range from building an actual house with Habitat for Humanity to a basketball tournament against Interfraternity Council fraternity members.

"We really just wanted to do something that had a positive message in terms of building the community," Baker said.

On Sunday, Oct. 5 at 7 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center, sex, drugs and alcohol will be discussed through the perspective of Christianity and Islam.

President Matt Charles, a senior, presented the idea for this discussion due to the lack of programming on these issues that are so prevalent in most social college settings.

The creation and history of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity was based on religious doctrine, which is why Charles wanted to incorporate religion into the week's programming.

"We're getting panelists to talk about how their religion addresses these issues in modern not antiquated times," said Charles. The panelists for this discussion will include both students and religious leaders from the Vanderbilt community.

"It's aimed towards practitioners of these religions but also to anyone who is interested in these issues from the religious perspective. Our overall goal is (to create) a religious awareness and perspective for these troubling issues."

For a complete list of dates, times and locations for Alpha Week, go to [InsideVandy.com](http://InsideVandy.com) ■

**ALPHA WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, Oct. 5: Building Your Faith**

Discussion about drugs and religion from the perspectives of Christianity and Islam  
7 p.m. at BCC

**Monday, Oct. 6: Building Your Entourage**

Rent an A Phi Brother for a day of service and a secret date  
7 p.m. @ BCC

**Tuesday, Oct. 7: Building Your Political Awareness**

Debate watch  
7 p.m. @ BCC

**Wednesday, Oct. 8: Building Your Defense**

Discussion of political and civil rights  
7 p.m. @ BCC

**Thursday, Oct. 9: Building Your Stroll**

Party at Rivergate Skating Rink with Kappa Theta, AX and B.O.  
9 p.m.

**Friday, Oct. 10: Building Your Rep**

Basketball Tournament at the Rec with NPHC & IFC  
7 p.m. at Student Rec

**Saturday, Oct. 11: Building Your Community**

Habitat Build @ 7 a.m.  
Party at Club Nocturnal @ 9:30 p.m.

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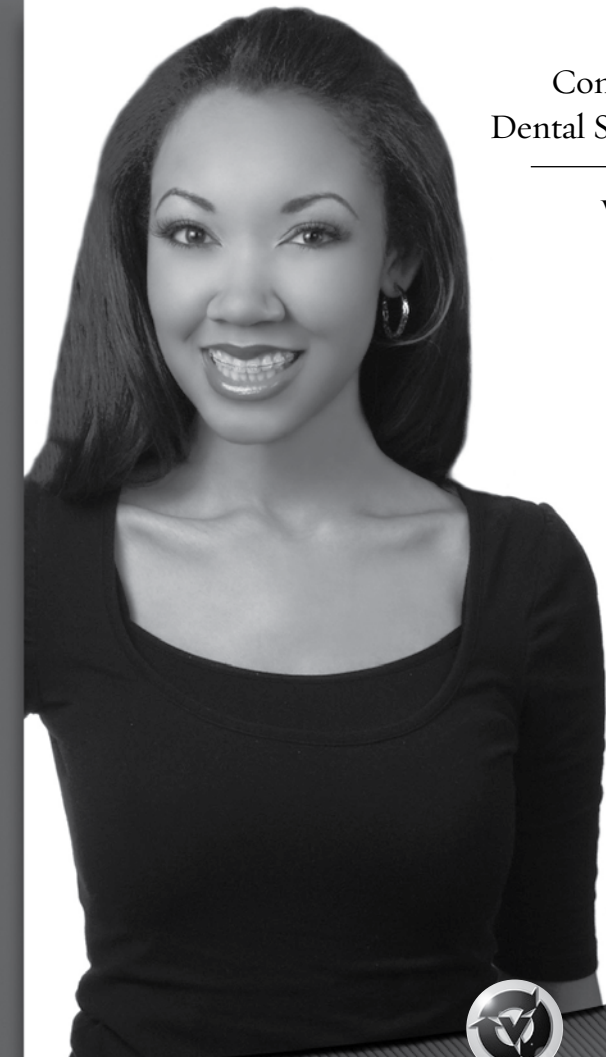
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## Students ring in the Jewish new year



JEREMY SANDLER / Vanderbilt Hillel

Students celebrate Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish new year, over a delicious kosher meal in the Student Life Center on Wednesday.

# Tenn. teacher in Texas after teen lover was slain

Associated Press

**KNOXVILLE, Tenn.**—A teacher who disappeared after her then-husband killed her 18-year-old lover is living in Texas with her sons and another teenage man, according to testimony at a hearing Wednesday on who should get custody of the boys.

Erin McLean was having an affair with Sean Powell when her then-husband shot him in the head in 2007. She met Powell while student teaching

at his high school.

McLean, who was 29 at the time, dropped out of sight when she left Knoxville with the couple's two sons, 12-year-old Eric and 9-year-old Ian, soon after the shooting.

She was listed as a witness but didn't testify when ex-husband Eric McLean was tried on a first-degree murder charge last month. He testified that he accidentally shot Powell while trying to get him to leave the couple's home.

Jurors convicted him of reckless homicide after hearing

evidence that Erin McLean had flaunted her affair.

The McLeans divorced in February, and Eric McLean, who is not in prison, was granted visitation with the boys. His sentencing is set for next month, but he's unlikely to serve time.

His divorce attorney, Steve Sharp, told The Knoxville News Sentinel that Eric McLean hasn't seen his children since Erin McLean left. Sharp said he tracked them to Austin, Texas, where they were living with an 18-year-old. ■

# Hall named Dean of Graduate School

Vanderbilt News Service

Dennis Hall, a professor of physics and electrical engineering, has been named the associate provost for research and dean of the Graduate School, according to the Vanderbilt News Service.

As dean, Hall will also serve as the chief academic officer of the Graduate School and chief research officer for activities involving faculty in the

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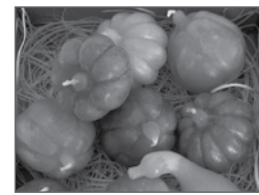
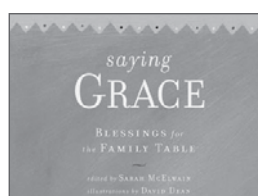
"Dennis Hall has been a great champion of graduate education," said Richard McCarty, provost and vice chancellor of academic affairs. "In addition, he has developed innovative

programs to support our graduate students and to enrich their educational and research opportunities."

Hall works closely with Vanderbilt University Medical Center overseeing a number of university-wide activities and interests. He also oversees the Jean and Alexander Heard Library system and Vanderbilt University Press and serves as a continuing member of the Promotion and Tenure Review Committee. ■

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[www.vanderbilt.edu/travelfellowship](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/travelfellowship)



## High Holidays 2008-5769



### Wednesday, October 8

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6pm - Yom Kippur Services

### Thursday, October 9

10am - 1pm - Services  
2:30 - Religious Discussion (Hosted by Rabbi Josh @ Hillel)  
4:30pm - Services  
7:30pm - Break the Fast (at Hillel)

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# OPINION

## What to do for family weekend



**JUSTIN POYTHRESS**  
Columnist

Family weekend isn't just for freshmen anymore. Oh no, quite the contrary. Students of all years have gained wisdom enough to know that if your parents insist on visiting you, the best time to have them over is when everybody else is trying to put on a good front for their parents. This even includes, of course, the school administration. The order, the friendliness, the cleanliness, the service, even the quality of food has a remarkable boost for the span of these three days. Plus, you don't want to be one of those reject students who has to bum around with his friends' families while trying to come up with excuses for why your parents really do love you, like: "They're really busy" or "The president asked them to fix Wall Street."

During this time, you can also count on all of your classmates to be on their best behavior. The whole scenario can be likened to Communist China scrambling to cover up their slums and discarded female babies and showcase their artistic cultural dances for some high-powered Western investors. Except here, the slums are cases of Natty Light and those less than classy shots of you in your picture collage and the cultural dances being watching our undefeated football team or walking anywhere near the Commons. This brings us to preparations.

Now you have to decide where you want to target your parents' money and come up with activities that will prevent them from long periods of awkwardly hovering around your room. One important note is if you have a car on campus, make sure your parents drive down so they can experience firsthand the appalling horrors of Vanderbilt parking that might persuade them to buy you a higher grade permit. Another safe bet is to take your parents shopping. After spending even a couple minutes on the Vanderbilt campus, they will see how desperately you need those new Uggs, Crocs, tights, large amusement park sunglasses and multiple sets of pearl necklaces. After this, ring up all of your friends and maybe some casual acquaintances to whom you owe money, and take them out to a superb restaurant not on the card. Repeat this process for as many meals as you can.

What about activities besides the tour of your classroom buildings? The football game will be a solid time chunk, but I've always been surprised at the number of parents who refuse to let go of their youth with dignity and stringently believe they can be that "cool parent" hanging out and drinking. Each year I am shocked at how many of these parents come to Vanderbilt, thinking everyone will respect them and their child for being over 50 and still knowing how to party, rock out and be hip with it.

What can you do here if you're the recipient? Well, it depends on the degree of their partying. If they like to have a few beers and mingle with the other immature parents, then I suggest you just bite the bullet and earn your tuition fees in silent humiliation. If, on the other hand, you know one or both of them is liable to pass out in someone else's house or try to purchase drugs, you might want to encourage a trip downtown.

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### EDITORIAL

## Financial aid plan works

The university has revealed a new financial aid system policy unlike any other in the country. By eliminating need-based loans and increasing institutional grants to students in order to meet need, Vanderbilt has ensured that any student admissible to the university is financially able to attend.

It is, from all angles, nothing short of a masterpiece. The new financial aid plan ensures that every student's financial need will be met without the use of need-based loans. This means scholarships, work-study earnings, federal grants and Vanderbilt's own institutional grants will fulfill the need as necessary.

What does this do for current Vanderbilt students? It means that beginning next fall (spring semester for graduating seniors) student need-based loans from Vanderbilt are a thing of the past and the university itself will make up the cost. The removal of this burden will provide students a chance to leave college with fewer loans to pay back upon entering the workforce.

What about the benefits for future students? This new initiative broadens the pool for the potential Class of 2013 and thereafter. While lower- and middle-income students before have had to make the difficult decision of whether to take out need-based loans in order to attend, this concern will be essentially non-existent. This translates into more accessibility for those students who would otherwise choose to attend public schools with lower costs due to lower in-state tuition and state-funded scholarships.

What about the benefits for Vanderbilt as an institution? Ultimately, the university gains from this opening up of its doors. Because every student admitted will have the ability to attend, Vanderbilt will choose its freshman classes based on academic ability. None of the best students who wish to attend will be turned away for financial reasons, and as admission standards continue

to increase, this will only result in increasingly better freshmen classes. This, in turn, results in a more prestigious degree for Vanderbilt graduates of any year.

The university will promote this plan as a means for achieving racial, geographic and income level diversity. The plan, without a doubt, will reach these goals, as it will both provide access to groups that could not otherwise afford tuition, as well as begin to deconstruct stereotypes of Vanderbilt as an "all white, all Southern, all rich" university.

These are, however, superficial reasons to support the new plan. The "no need-based loans" initiative is not an affirmative action plan, and all Vanderbilt students should hope it never becomes such. The students of minority racial and geographic groups whose numbers will increase will be top students among other top students at Vanderbilt, not quota fillers. This will both increase the prestige of the university as well as providing a quality and deserved education to those who need it most.

Does the plan have potential for problems in the decades to come? There are questions about how this approach to financial aid will affect how families perceive saving money for higher education. Will the incentive for middle-income families to save disappear in future generations, as the option of the university picking up the bill seems so readily available to lower-income families? In this worst of consequences, we may see some of these students in the next generation unable to pay for a Vanderbilt education.

These issues notwithstanding, students, families, faculty and administrators should all praise Chancellor Nick Zeppos and Provost Richard McCarty for their leadership on this initiative to improve the financial situations of current and future students. Our university and our degrees will be better off for their efforts.

## More guns, no solutions

### To the Editor:

Wednesday's editorial "Vandy students need guns" represents a new low in Hustler editorial content in the few years I've been here. I imagine some Vanderbilt veterans have rarely seen worse in careers much longer than mine.

I was a tour guide during my undergraduate years here, and the tours I led after the Virginia Tech tragedy certainly saw an increase in safety-related questions from prospective students and their parents. I confess that my thorough descriptions of Vandy Vans, walking escorts and AlertVU to these visitors likely failed to be the reactionary heroism we so often crave when faced with tragedy. But there is not an ounce of me that would rather have told these students and

parents that our response had been to seek eased restrictions on gun availability for members of the Vanderbilt community.

We are students on a campus where shots were fired in a residence hall three years ago. Our nation and world are still reeling, a year and a half later, from the unbelievable events at Virginia Tech. In the wake of these tragedies (and others like them), I am astounded and confused by the belief that guns are, in fact, part of the solution. That bright students at a leading university would publish an editorial affirming this belief is equally perplexing.

**Stuart Hill**  
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"Why is there only one front-loading washer in my laundry room? Is this some kind of joke?"

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"Food should not be welcome in the classroom. It's both distracting and unattractive."

"If Vandy students carried guns we'd be less safe. We'd shoot each other, not the bad guys."

## Pay inequity still needs to be resolved



**AIMEE SOBHANI**  
Columnist

On the surface, women seem to be doing pretty well in the United States. Hillary Clinton almost won the presidential nomination, and Sarah Palin could become the first female vice-president. Despite the advances women have made in the political arena, inequality between the sexes still exists in terms of equal pay for equal work.

Many people might be surprised to learn that pay inequity still exists in the U.S. According to the National Committee on Pay Equity, for the same work, women only make 77.8 percent of what men make. In terms of actual earnings, men make an average of \$45,113 while women earn \$35,102 — a difference of \$10,000.

The above statistics hold true for all women, regardless of their backgrounds. Pay inequity actually increases as a woman's level of education increases. Within a lifetime, women with high school diplomas will earn \$700,000 less than men, while those with college degrees will make \$1.2 million less than their male counterparts. This number jumps to \$2 million if the woman is a professional school graduate.

These statistics represent a very slow closing of the gap between men's and women's wages. In 1963, when the Equal Pay Act became law, women could only expect to earn 59 percent of what men earned. In over 40 years, women's pay has only increased by about 20 percent, which translates into about half a percent increase annually. This is pathetic, especially considering the fact that the U.S. is one of the richest nations in the world.

In addition to being (technically) against the law, pay inequity obviously affects women's lives very negatively. Though women make less money than men for the same work, they still have to pay the same prices for goods and services. Because of this sad truth, women, especially single mothers, are hit the hardest when the economy does poorly.

Also, pay inequity can put women's futures in danger. As the National Organization for Women notes, pay inequity "penalizes (women's) retirement security by creating gaps in social security and pensions."

Workplaces have obviously dragged their feet in reversing discriminatory practices, and the government hasn't done much to speed up the process either. A recent study conducted by the General Accounting Office at the request of three Democratic congressmen confirms the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance, two federal agencies responsible for enforcing the Equal Pay Act, fail to ensure pay equity. While the agencies may take the initial steps to ensure equal pay, they fail to monitor progress in their investigations and do not fact-check the self-evaluating documents contractors provide them about salary policies.

While the government may have provided the framework to ensure pay equity, if it does not enforce its own policies, then the framework is useless. Apparently, correcting pay inequity based on gender is not one of our nation's top priorities, though it should be. It's embarrassing the American government demands equal rights for women in other countries but fails to fully provide them to American women.

There's really no easy solution to the problem. It's impossible to ensure that every employer in the country pays employees equally regardless of gender, and discriminatory policies cannot change overnight. However, I think the government could make a little more effort to correct the problem of pay inequity.

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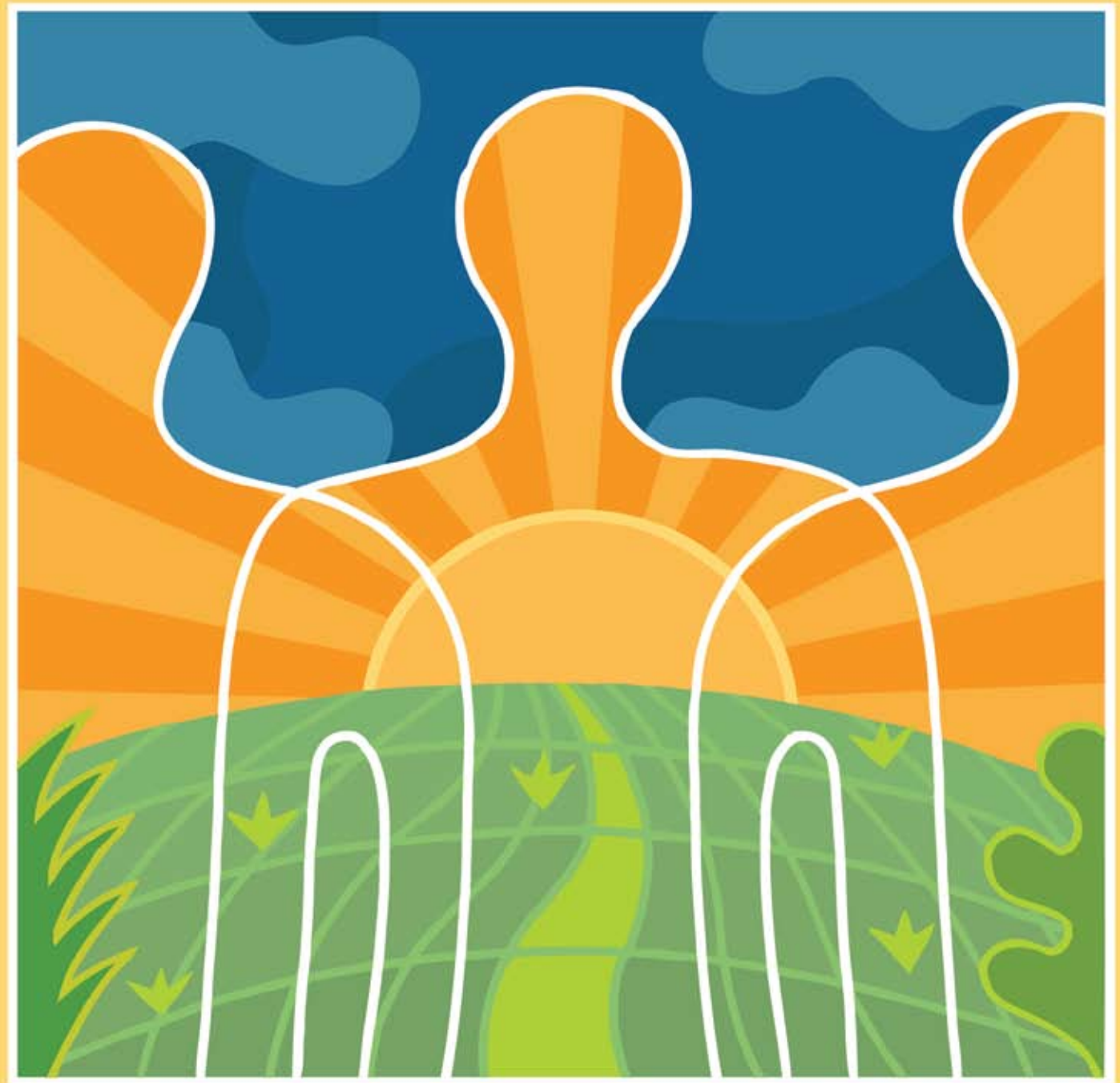
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In high school there was definitely a group of kids who drank, but I never felt like I had to make that decision. However, once I got to college I felt that everyone was drinking, the pressure seemed to be insurmountable. I did not even know what going out meant without someone drinking or getting drunk. Reflecting back on those times I have realized that one of the worse things is that much of the decision to drink was based on external circumstances and not on people's conscious decisions to drink responsibly.

Ultimately, the decision to not drink is extremely valid and to respect the decision requires a deeper understanding of the social implications of drinking.

—Courtney, Class of '10

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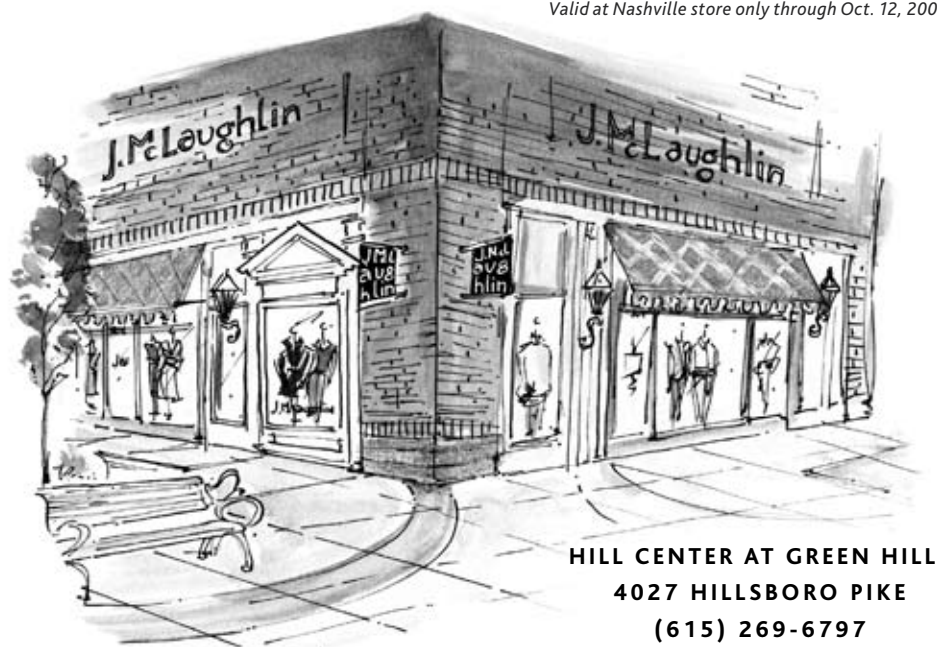


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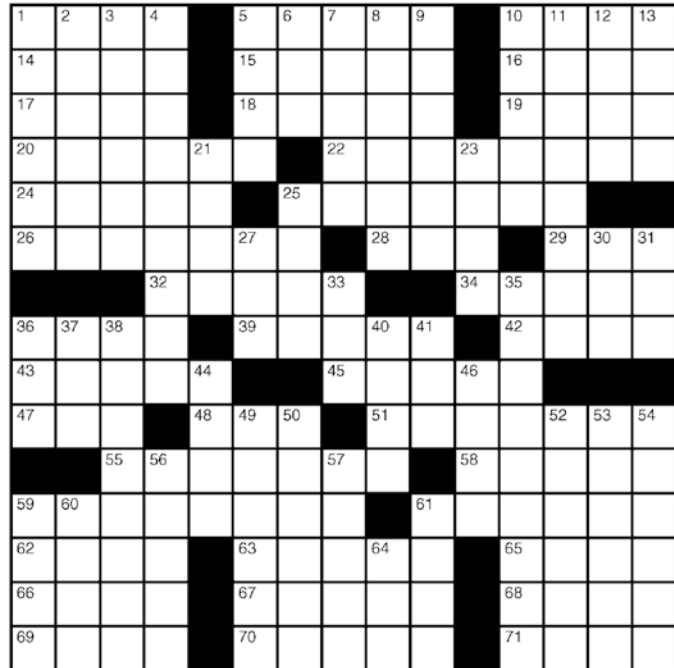
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# SPORTS

## Vanderbilt stays grounded, focused on beating Tigers

by **ANDREW BARGE**  
Sports Contributor

With ESPN "College GameDay" coming to town, any Vanderbilt fan will tell you Saturday's game against No. 13 Auburn (3-1, 1-1 Southeastern Conference) is more than just a regular season game.

Talk to a player on the team, though, and you might get a different answer.

"It's another tough game, and that's how we look at it. We just have to play football, regardless of who is or isn't watching," said senior safety Reshard Langford.

His teammate senior receiver Sean Walker agrees.

"Corso will pick us as the underdog or the winner, and it doesn't matter to us," Walker said. "It's nice to get respect as a team, but we never worry about what other people think."

It's this attitude — treating every day like "GameDay" — that has earned Vanderbilt a spot in the top 25 for the second time in 50 years. The constant high level of focus is why Vanderbilt remains undefeated and, more importantly, why the No. 19 Commodores (4-0, 2-0 SEC) aren't letting the national hype get to their heads.

"Everybody's focused, and that's a great thing to have on



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Senior quarterback Chris Nickson appears to be fully healed from his shoulder injury and ready to play Saturday against Auburn.

a team," Langford said. "Just working hard all the time keeps us level headed."

In addition to focus, the Commodores will play with a sense of redemption against the Tigers after last year's 35-7 loss in Auburn. Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson knows memories from last year's game will keep his players motivated.

"Showing last year's Auburn film keeps us grounded,"

Johnson said. "They sort of took us to the woodshed. Our guys know what we have to do to win."

To beat Auburn, the Commodores will once again rely on a stingy defense that has allowed only 10 second-half points all year. The Tigers have struggled in the passing game, but preseason All-SEC running back Ben Tate has kept opposing defenses honest with 393 rushing yards. Johnson believes an aggressive defensive scheme will be vital to stopping the Tigers on offense.

"Our defensive staff has done a fantastic job of being aggressive, and it's a mindset of ours now," Johnson said. "We'll be aggressive no matter what the other team does, and when it happens we've got opportunities to make big plays."

The offense will look to build off of an unspectacular, yet efficient effort against Ole Miss.

Thanks to last weekend's bye, the Commodores were able to rest some injured players, most notably starting quarterback redshirt senior Chris Nickson and senior captain George Smith. Nickson left the game against the Rebels with a shoulder injury but will start against Auburn on Saturday.

Smith, the team's most experienced wide receiver, will return after injuring his foot during summer camp.

Johnson said he thinks Smith's contributions will be felt both on the field and on the sidelines.

"Having George back, his personality, his leadership, it will definitely be a big boost for us," Johnson said. "He's a good player — he's tall, he can run, he can catch, and that puts pressure on anybody's team. Hopefully we'll get him out there and get him back in the swing of things."

With a healthier team and a national audience watching, the Commodores are poised for a hard-nosed, exciting game on Saturday. Though the players and coaches insist "GameDay's" presence doesn't affect their preparation or focus, they do recognize the importance of the recognition to the Vanderbilt faithful.

"GameDay" is a big part of college football — it's a part of any football fan's Saturday," said senior kicker and Nashville native Bryant Hahnfeldt, who has yet to miss a field goal this season.

"Having it here in Nashville is a really special thing. We won't take it for granted." ■

### Who's got the edge? Auburn vs. Vanderbilt

compiled by: DAVID SHOCHAT

EDGE	QUARTERBACK	EDGE
	Redshirt senior quarterback Chris Nickson has the experience of playing three seasons in the Southeastern Conference and is a better all-around quarterback than either Auburn's Chris Todd or Kodi Burns. Even Auburn head coach Tommy Tuberville hinted that he would take Nickson over his guys. "Chris is a good, mobile quarterback for the system we're running now," Tuberville said.	
RUNNING BACKS		
	Auburn has possibly the deepest rotation of running backs in the SEC with four players in Brad Lester, Ben Tate, Tristan Davis and Mario Fannin who could start on any SEC team. Fannin has played wide-receiver this year but has also appeared at running back and quarterback for the Tigers. The Commodore defense should be ready for a heavy dose of these guys, as the Tigers will probably try to win this game running the ball, considering their anemic passing attack.	
WIDE RECEIVERS		
	Much like Vanderbilt, Auburn's wide receivers have not seen much of the ball this season. Thus, it is hard to give either team an edge going into this game. Vanderbilt will probably have more success in the passing game than Auburn, though, because of their quarterback play and the return of redshirt senior George Smith.	
OFFENSIVE LINE		
	Both offensive lines are relatively young and inexperienced. Auburn's offensive line has a lot of talent, but has had trouble with penalties and consistency this season. Vanderbilt's line has exceeded expectations but will face a huge test against Auburn's defense.	
DEFENSIVE LINE		
	Behind the leadership of Sen'Derrick Marks, Auburn's defensive line is one of the best and fastest in the nation. For the Commodores to win, their offensive line will have to play its best game of the season and contain Auburn's great defense so Nickson has time to pass and redshirt junior Jared Hawkins has holes to run through.	
LINEBACKERS		
	Vanderbilt's linebackers have been solid this season as both junior Patrick Benoist and redshirt freshman Chris Marve have played well, but they have also given up a lot of rushing yards and will have to play better against Auburn's great running backs. Auburn is lead by Tray Blackmon, who anchors their quick, aggressive and fast linebacker group.	
DEFENSIVE BACKS		
	The strength of the Vanderbilt defense is its secondary. With Auburn's strength in the running game, look for defensive coordinator Bruce Fowler to keep strong safety redshirt senior Reshard Langford close to the line of scrimmage to stop the run.	
SPECIAL TEAMS		
	With the great play of senior Bryant Hahnfeldt and junior Brett Upson so far this season, along with the return ability of junior D.J. Moore, Vanderbilt holds a big edge in special teams. The kicking game must continue to be good against Auburn, and the coverage teams will also need to play well to keep the Tigers from getting good field position. Also, in what should be a defensive game, a special teams' score could be the difference.	
COACHING		
	Coach Bobby Johnson and his staff have to be the front-runners for coaching staff of the year. They have done a tremendous job this season of making adjustments at halftime which is a big reason for Vanderbilt's success on offense and defense in the second half. With an extra week to prepare, Johnson and company should have a great game plan for a very talented Auburn team.	

### friday conversation with **VJAY PAUL**

Interview by **CHIP ROBBIE**  
Sports Contributor

Junior men's tennis player Vijay Paul took a few minutes to talk with the Vanderbilt Hustler about the upcoming season. He even revealed the identity of his favorite mixed doubles partner and he told us why he wouldn't go to the Commons to watch the ESPN "College GameDay."

**VANDERBILT HUSTLER:** You guys are coming off a pretty solid performance at the Southern Intercollegiate. Were you guys happy with the outcomes?

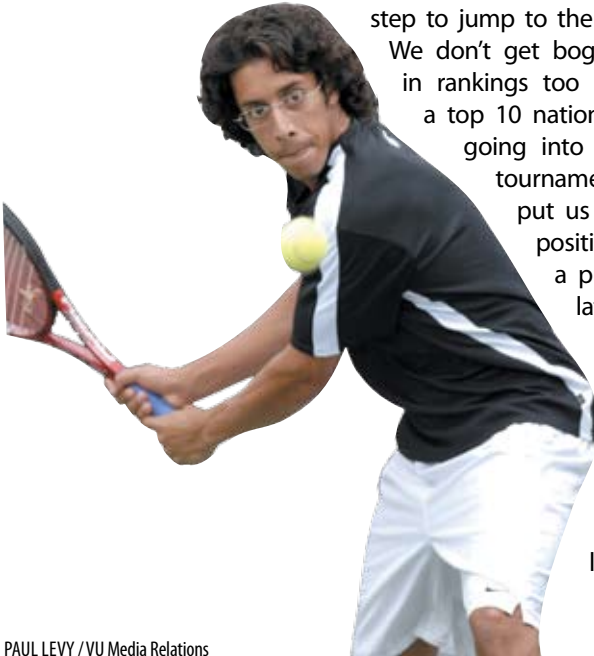
**VJAY PAUL:** The first tournament of the year can sometimes be that one to knock the rust off and you gotta take what you can get. It's a good tournament for match experience for the younger guys, and with some 30 teams there, they get to see a lot of different opponents. Our two freshmen got the first college match jitters out and got a couple W's under their belt. I didn't do as well as I had hoped, but I did get a chance to work on some things and get a little better, which, in perspective, is a good thing. All in all, it is a great tournament and it went pretty well.

**VH:** What has been the theme of practice so far this year?

**VP:** Our themes with coach (Ian Duvenhage) tend to carry over from year to year. We talk a lot about managing the mental aspect of tennis on and off the court. Though you have five teammates fighting around you in their individual matches at a given time, there comes a point when you are on your own out there and you need to be able to keep a clear mind, without judgment, in order to make sound decisions.

**VH:** Under coach Duvenhage, the team has improved each year. What are we expecting this year?

**VP:** The season is still a good deal away, but I think, collectively, we feel we need to take the next step to jump to the elite level. We don't get bogged down in rankings too much, but a top 10 national ranking going into the NCAA tournament would put us in a good position to make a push to the late rounds there. We're a young, deep team and the sky is the limit.



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**VH:** What has been your greatest college tennis match?

**VP:** In terms of the team match, the (Southeastern Conference) matches are always great battles, but you can never forget the experience of the NCAA tournament. The greatest match I've participated in was either the first round of NCAA, where we won a close match against SEC foe Mississippi State, or last year first round NCAA, where we beat Indiana 4-3. Hint: The greatest matches are when the team rushes the court after a clinching match.

**VH:** Describe your game to someone who has never seen you play.

**VP:** I am fast. I have pretty good endurance. I try to use both those characteristics to cover the entire court and, humbly, I say that for a little guy, I can hit the ball pretty hard. The game is always changing, though, and I have to adapt — I'm starting to come in and volley more. And I wear glasses.

**VH:** Have you assumed a new role on the team now that you are a junior and there is just one senior on the team?

**VP:** Not really. Roles on such a small team of 10 are a little blurred. I could see how a football team would have a leader among the linebackers and another leader on the secondary, or a defensive leader. Nick is the senior. He's doing a good job as the old wise man on the team. I try to keep people in line when they need it and otherwise keep everybody smiling.

**VH:** What is your favorite place on campus?

**VP:** Buttrick.

**VH:** Do you guys play mixed doubles with the women's team? If so, who do you like to play with best?

**VP:** Catrat (Catherine Newman) and I beat everybody.

**VH:** How many rackets do you carry in your bag for a match?

**VP:** Four, fresh grips, fresh string, fresh rubber band.

**VH:** Will you be going to the Auburn football game?

**VP:** Won't be able to. Nick (Cromydas) and I have a flight for Tulsa, Okla. at like 5 p.m. on Saturday. I was going to go check out "GameDay," though, until I heard it was at the Commons.

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