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Students shape up for a semester of hard work



Sophomore Alicia Weber works on her pottery project at the E. Bronson Ingram Studio Arts Center. With fall in full swing, students are working hard with classes, midterm exams, and terms papers and projects. Check out more pictures of students this fall on page 4.

ADMINISTRATION

Cashin: Academic chair shares unique life

by LAUREN KOENIG News Contributor

Editor's note: This article is part

of an ongoing project profiling members of the Board of Trust.

"I think I have an antenna about issues of inequality - those are the things I get passionate about," said Sheryll Cashin, chair of the academic committee programs Vanderbilt's Board of Trust.

Cashin, asked to serve on the board by former Chancellor Gordon Gee in 2002, is a Georgetown law professor who frequently writes about relations, government has also served as a law clerk the struggle for integration in a Republican state legislator to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall and to Judge Abner Mikva.

Cashin said she brings a younger and more diverse perspective to the board.

"Myhope was that being a little younger than the average age of the board members and coming from a different perspective, as a faculty member who deals with young students, and being a woman and a racial minority, that I would offer some unique perspective," Cashin said.

Cashin was born to politically active parents and raised in

and inequality in America. She Huntsville, Ala. at the height of great-grandfather served as the South, which she said made her aware of social injustice at

> "I was arrested at the age of four months when my mother took me to a sit-in," said Cashin. "I gained a social consciousness and an awareness of racial inequality from a very early

> Cashin's father founded National Democratic Party of Alabama to fight George Wallace's Dixiecrat party. Coming from a family of civil rights leaders that has spanned four generations (her

during Reconstruction), Cashin has strong convictions about the upcoming election's connection to race relations today.

"Americans have proved skeptics wrong," she said. "Race relations are changing every day before our very eyes."

Cashin will be giving the 2008-2009 Walter Murray Jr. Commons Lecture on Nov. 6 at 4:10 p.m. in the Wyatt Center Rotunda.

Read more about Cashin and the past profiles of Board members at InsideVandy.com. ■



Check out this week's Versus for an interview with Kevin Smith, director of the upcoming movie 'Zack and Miri Make a Porno.'

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LEADERSHIP

Fundraising concert to raise money for **Native American** education

by LILY CHEN Leadership Specialist

Unlike past years when they would have scheduled a guest speaker, the Vanderbilt Student Government Arts and Science Council will be holding a fundraising concert to benefit the American Indian

Thursday Night for a Cause will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Olin Lawn and will feature the student band 4

Education Foundation.

Council John Furlow said the for \$5 to raise some additional event will raise money to help bridge the Native American education gap.

"We did a lot of research for this event and realized that the greatest disparity for education was on Native American reservations. We thought it would be a good idea to help improve education because that is our

focus," said Furlow. The American Indian Education Foundation provides scholarships and school supplies for the most impoverished children on reservations.

According to Furlow, only 17 percent of Native Americans attend college and only one in five graduate, mostly because of financial reasons.

"We're philanthropy on campus that focuses on the Native American population, and we're trying to differentiate ourselves and stand out by supporting that particular philanthropy," Director of Community Service Gracie Smith.

"We'll also be selling President of the A&S Vanderbilt football Koozies money," said Co-Director of Community Service John Gaffney. "One hundred percent of the proceeds will be donated to the foundation."

> Furlow said VSG's support for the cause will not end with this event.

> "Later on, we'll do more events like raffles and other ideas to increase awareness American Indian Education Foundation," said Furlow. "Our philanthropy fundraising goal for the year is \$10,000." ■

ACADEMICS

Anthropology professor shares archeological findings

by JUDY WANG

Academic Specialist

A modern Indiana Jones, archaeologist and Ingram Professor of Anthropology Arthur Demarest discussed his study of ancient Mayan civilization at a free public lecture on Tuesday.

Demarest, who publishing during undergraduate years, recently completed his 28th season of archaeological field excavations in the jungles, highlands and coasts of Central America.

Throughout his lecture, Demarest painted a vivid picture of Mayan civilization and how archaeologists excavate and work in the historical sites. He combined his research and experiences in order to teach about Mayan culture, at times dispelling some conceptions of Mayan archaeology as portrayed in movies like Apocalypto and Indiana Jones.

"The Mayans are interesting in that they had reached such a height in civilization. It is our goal to understand their secret and help the present-day civilization attain that again," said Demarest.

He then shared recent history

of the Mayan area, recounting the difficulties of entering the location during political instability, consequences of over-tourism, and movement of indigenous Mayas.

Now regarded as one of the world's leading experts on Mayan archaeology, Demarest has won major grants from a variety of sources such as the US Agency for International Development and the National Institutes of Health.

The Demarests, who live on site in Cancuen, Guatemala six months of the year, and "experience everything there with the Maya people, live in tents, and excavate," according to Mrs. Demarest.

Currently, he works with Cancuen Indigenous Community Development Project, humanitarian relief development to the present-day Mayan population.

"He's an expert who has published probably the best textbook, The Ancient Maya Civilization, that is out there," said senior Gian Rossi, a student in Demarest's Mayan archaeology class. "It's a blessing to have him as a professor." ■

SPORTS: Tennis team has strong showing at Crimson Tide Fall Championships at Alabama. **SEE PAGE 8**





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Markets enjoy big rebound after sharp selloff, consumer confidence still low

NEW YORK (AP)—Wall Street took a dose of bad economic news with relative calm Tuesday, rallying even as consumer confidence plunged to its lowest levels in 41 years. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 150 points, leading the major indexes with a gain of

The market did pull off its highs after the Conference Board said its index of consumer confidence has fallen to 38 in October, well below the 51 analysts expected. Wall Street is worried that consumers, whose spending drives more than two-thirds of economic growth, will keep pulling back, particularly as the holiday shopping season approaches — but with a litany of bad economic news this month, many investors expected the index to sag.

Obama gets a different kind of chilly reception while McCain cancels

CHESTER, Pa. (AP)—The World Series got suspended. Obama politics never stop.

Democrat Barack Obama carried on Tuesday with an outdoor rally at Widener University, outside Philadelphia, despite a cold, steady rain that made the temperature feel freezing.

About 9,000 people came out to hear the presidential contender. They stood in mud.

"I just want all of you to know that if we see this kind of dedication on Election Day, there is no way that we're not going to bring change to America," Obama told the shivering crowd.

The weather was so miserable that Obama's rival, Republican John McCain, canceled a rally 50 miles north in Quakertown hardly insignificant, given the dwindling campaign time.

Phillies, Rays suspended in 6th inning tied at 2, rain emerges as victor

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—At the end of a strange and wet night that left the World Series in limbo, Scott Kazmir bumped into Cole Hamels in a corridor outside the Phillies clubhouse.

Kazmir gave the Philadelphia ace a playful nudge, and the starting pitchers from Game 5 walked together out of Citizens Bank Park. No telling when we'll see them — or any baseball — again. Rain,

rain made it all go away Monday night. The Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays were suspended in the sixth inning with the score 2-all because of a steady downpour that

turned the field into a quagmire. "I can't tell you tonight when we'll resume," commissioner Bud Selig said. "We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here."

Stevens faces long odds in Senate race, McCain calls for resignation

WASHINGTON (AP)—For most politicians, a guilty verdict on seven felony counts — eight days before an election — would guarantee the end of a political career.

But Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens is not like most politicians. After his conviction Monday on charges that he lied about free home renovations and other gifts from a wealthy oil contractor, the 84-year-old Stevens refused to drop out of his re-election race against Democrat Mark Begich.

Republican presidential nominee John McCain called Tuesday for Stevens to resign from the Senate, saying he "has broken his trust

McCain and Stevens are not close. They've frequently exchanged barbs on the Senate floor, particularly over the pet projects that lawmakers insert into spending bills. Stevens is an unabashed champion of such earmarks — bringing home \$3.5 billion worth to Alaska in the last five years alone.

McCain is the Senate's biggest critic of earmarks.

Authors, publishers settle suit against Google after 2 years of legal action

NEW YORK (AP)—A settlement has been reached in the lawsuit against Google over the Internet search engine's use of copyrighted material. According to a statement issued Tuesday by the Authors Guild, the Association of American Publishers and Google, the agreement "will expand online access to millions of in-copyright books and other written materials in the U.S. from the collections of a number

of major U.S. libraries participating in Google Book Search." If approved by a federal court in Manhattan, the settlement will end the legal action, taken against Google two years ago, that had been closely followed by the publishing industry as it debates how copyright law should work online.

Hudson suspect had June drug arrest, no parole violation

SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP)—The convicted felon suspected in the Chicago slayings of Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson's mother, brother and nephew was arrested on a drug charge in June, but authorities declined to return him to prison on a parole violation, internal parole records show.

Corrections Department spokesman Derek Schnapp said officials who reviewed the cocaine-possession case against William Balfour determined "the evidence that was presented during that time wouldn't have necessarily warranted a violation."

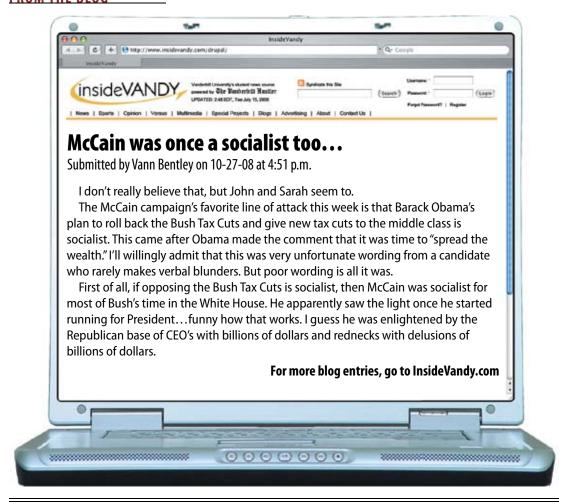
A judge dismissed the charge for lack of probable cause in July, but under the strict rules of the state's parole program, Balfour could have gone back to prison just for the arrest.

No one has been charged in the shooting deaths of Hudson's mother, 57-year-old Darnell Donerson, her brother, 29-year-old Jason Hudson, and 7-year-old nephew Julian King

The older victims were found in the family's home Friday afternoon. Julian's body was found in the back of an SUV on Chicago's West Side on Monday; authorities declared his death a homicide Tuesday.

Balfour, Julian's stepfather and the estranged husband of Hudson's sister, served seven years for attempted murder and vehicular hijacking. Balfour was taken into custody later Friday.

FROM THE BLOG



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FIGHTING FLU SEASON



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Sophomore Brittany Norman receives a flu shot in Sarratt from Student Health Center nurse Penny Meek. The Student Health Center will be giving out free flu shots to students throughout the semester.

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ACADEMICS

Greek ambassador provides historical perspective for historic American election

by ABRAHAM HANSON

News Contributor

As Greek ambassador to the United States, Alexandros Mallias works closely with the one of the most influential democracies in the world. However, only he can correctly say that his country invented democracy.

Mallias did just that in a dialogue with Professor Emertia of Classics Susan Wiltshire last Monday in which he examined the Greek origins of the American political system, as well as how the American system diverges

and converges with its Greek origins of democracy.

The Office of Active Citizenship and East House sponsored the event. The discussion catered mostly to first-year students hoping to gain classical insight during a heated election season.

According to Mallias, America's founders inherited an imperfect system. Despite this, America is perhaps the best demonstration of a participatory, representative democracy, Mallias said.

He cited the use of primaries and caucuses as a unique application of Greek democracy.

Ambassador Mallias' remarks also emphasized the inquisitive and prodding nature of Greeks.

"Greeks were especially adapted to virtues of versatility and grace. They were trained to ask questions about ideas of self, natural phenomena and that which we cannot perceive," said

Wiltshire enumerated Athens's predisposition towards democracy with a 10-point list. Among her reasons were the subtle and nuanced Greek language and a lack of central authority on truth.

GREEK SCENE

Delta Sigma Theta spreads love this week

by HILARY ROCKS News Contributor

Delta Sigma Theta sorority,

Inc. wants you to love yourself. The sorority's annual

Health and Happiness Week, which began Sunday and ends Nov. 1, will focus on physical and mental health, one of the five key values of the sorority.

"For the week we chose to focus on our yearly theme based on love," said chapter president senior Briana Johnson. "With this week, we hope that people learn to love themselves, their community and the Mu Rho chapter of Delta Sigma Theta."

On Monday, motivational

speaker Van Dickerson, the father of a Delta Sigma Theta member, spoke at the Black Cultural Center. In his talk, entitled "How to Fight and Win Against the Powers Within," Dickerson described his struggle to take care of his family while managing both diabetes and hypertension.

The speech highlighted loving the body, one of the main components of the physical and mental health focus represented in the title of the week's events: SpRED

"So far, the events this week have drawn good turnouts, both from NHPC fraternities and the general student body," said Jackson. ■

Schedule of Events:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26: For God So LOVED The World Church at Mt. Zion Baptist (Meet outside of Towers I and II at 10:13 am)

LOVE Your Neighbor: Serving dinner at Nashville Rescue Mission (Meet outside of Towers I and II at 4:13 pm)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27: LOVE Your Body: Van Dickerson,

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28:

Motivational Speaker BCC @ 7:13 pm

Mu Rho LOVES the Kids: Collecting **Donations for Unicef** The Wall 11-1 pm

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

It's a Thin Line Between LOVE and Hate: a Relationship Seminar Sarratt 216/220 @ 7:13 pm

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30: Step in the Name of LOVE Yard Show

Rand Terrace @ 12:13 pm

I LOVE to Move It, Move It Delta Day at the Rec @ 4:13 pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31:

All Dressed Up in LOVE: Trick or Treat (Meet Outside Towers I and II at 3:30

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:

Deltas LOVE Their Community: Deltas for Change—Community Outreach BCC @ 8:13 am

ILEADERSHIPI

Debate to prepare students for elections

by LILY CHEN

Leadership Specialist

With the election drawing closer, the Student Association for Voter Empowerment is hosting a debate between three College Democrats and three College Republicans to inform students on some important issues before they vote.

The debate will be held Thursday night at 8:30 p.m. in the Student Life Center Board of Trust room. There will also be patriotic-colored snow

"The goal of the debate is to discuss and inform students since early voting has started," said SAVE Debate Coordinator sophomore Gracie Smith. "We want students to know how certain policies and issues will affect them."

There will be a series of questions regarding hot topics Hornbuckle.

such as gay marriage, abortion, the Iraq War and more. Sophomore Richard Waller, a member of the Vanderbilt Debate Team, will serve as moderator.

After the structured debate, the floor will be open to questions from the audience. Audience members will then be given ballots for an opinion poll to determine the winner of the debate.

"We want to informative debate atmosphere. We want to streamline the debate so that it focuses on how issues affect not Joe the plumber but Joe the Vanderbilt student," Smith

The event is the result of a combined effort of Election Alliance and members of SAVE senior Alex Beard and sophomore



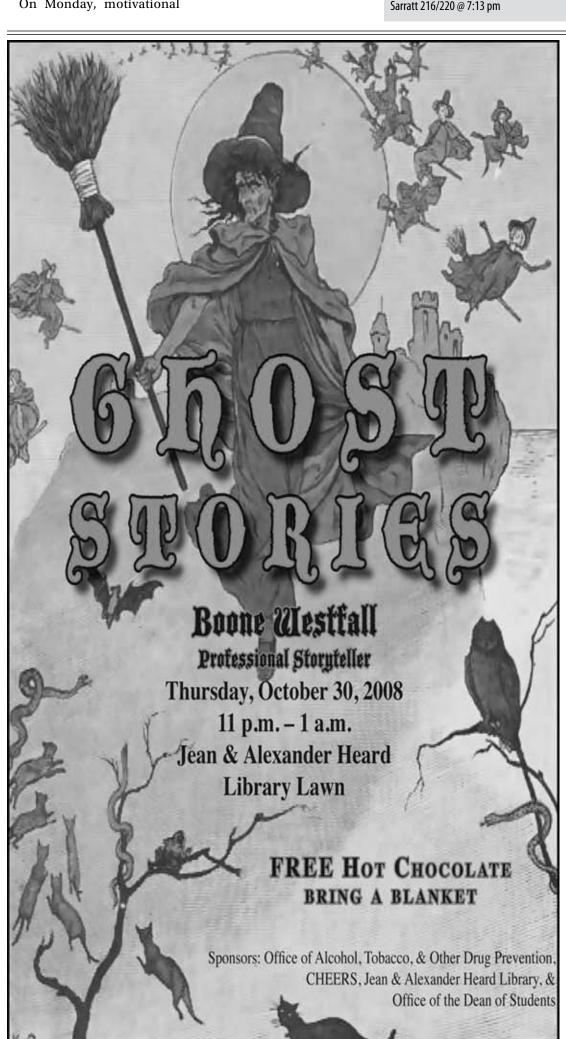
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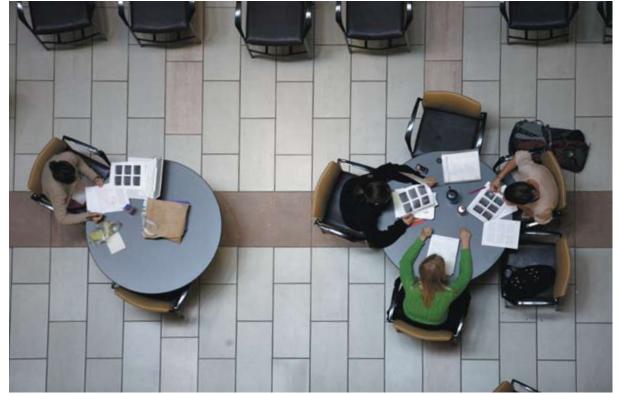


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Autumn's advent means classes in full swing



Medical and graduate students study hard at the Medical Research Building III on 21st Avenue. Students find the MRB III an ideal place for both solo and group work as well as for its proximity to Medical Center facilities.



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As the weather cools into November, students like sophomore Alcia Junior Daniel Cherry conducts an experiment Weber enjoy brisk walks in the moderate fall in Nashville.



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in the lab with pipette in hand.



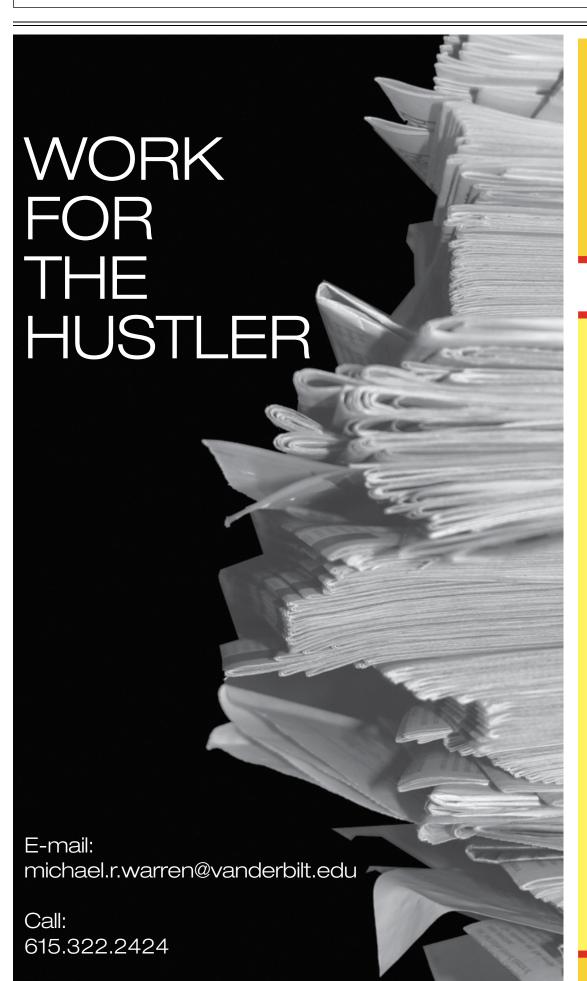
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Pev Gache leads a master class with trumpet student and sophomore Erin Steigerwaldat the Blair School of Music.



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Students can find refuge from the stress and work of midterm season in places like the Baseball Glove Lounge at Sarratt Student Center.



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OPINION

Halloween: America's stepchild holiday

But seriously, pumpkins are

extremely casual decorators

(guys), they add a great sea-

sonal spice and are for sale

pretty much everywhere,

including our very own

bookstore.

pretty terrific and, for us



JUSTIN POYTHRESS

Columnist

Halloween has taken a lot of abuse throughout the years. And rightly so. We're talking about a holiday whose two historical roots involve pagan sacrifice and the reformation of the Catholic Church. Naturally, both traditions have left an impact on the way the holiday runs. On one hand, people pass out gluttonous amounts of candy and pretend to have demonic spirits in the house.

On the other, people still invite little children dressed in costumes into their houses. All Catholic bashing aside, I feel Halloween holds an appropriate amount of holiday power. Everyone gets to dress up and party, but you don't hear of anyone flying across continents to visit family or setting up elaborate household routines that begin two or three days before the actual holiday.

But as everybody knows, Halloween provides something much more valuable than the casual family fun and dancing skeletons. I am referring, of course, to a girl's ability to dress like a total skank without running a relatively elevated risk of being raped. Halloween gives us all a time to don a new identity, which is rather appealing to many at Vanderbilt who are rather insecure about the one they have. And don't worry, we'll all think your political costumes as McCain, Obama and Palin are incredibly innovative, humorous, timely and totally original, especially if you try to imitate their exaggerated personas during a party. Another thing that always peaks my interest is the number of college- or aboveaged people — who are not parents — who will legitimately claim they go out trick-or-treating.

I will say the one thing that disappoints me around Halloween is the lack of commitment to pumpkins. What happened to our love of the harvest season? I recently read a children's book called "The Pumpkin Book." It contained a lot of worthwhile facts related to pumpkins. But what struck me was that this is the only time that we, as a society, collectively have the opportunity to unite in showing our support for a native vegetable. You don't even have to decorate or carve your pumpkin. You can get whatever pumpkin you want. It's just that if you don't

get a pumpkin, millions of Americans will have died in vain to secure your pumpkin picking rights. I really hope you got the voting analogy, otherwise it just sounds like I'm talking a lot about pumpkins.

But seriously, pumpkins are pretty terrific and, for us extremely casual decorators (guys), they add a great seasonal spice and are for sale pretty much everywhere, including our very own bookstore.

What is best about Halloween this year is its timeliness in giving us something to look forward to. There need to be some high expectations for Halloween weekend celebrations in order to overcome the gnawing reality that we could legitimately drop seven football games in a row to unbelievably miss a bowl again; plus any lingering disappointment from another subpar Quake event marred by faulty acoustics. So, naturally, there's an eagerness to get back to our bread and butter: dorm pre-gaming and frat costume parties.

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EDITORIAL

'New' old Pub menu a delightful return to normalcy for diners

The Pub at Overcup Oak reverted to its old menu and hours on Monday, ending Dining's experiment with a smaller lunch menu and a dinner buffet. The Hustler first reported on the changes in August, citing student complaints about the lack of familiar options. Vanderbilt Student Government, at the time, was officially unaware of the changes, and afterward took it upon itself to lobby Dining.

Both Dining and VSG should be commended for making these improvements to the Pub. While the nightly buffet was a bold experiment on the part of Dining, the result was disappointing. Students familiar with the pub-style menu and casual dining atmosphere were instead presented with a confusing schedule of buffet menus and little consistency in food choice.

The classic Pub menu kept a steady stream of customers every night, while the crowds were considerably smaller this semester. Since the restoration of the dinner menu, the Pub has almost immediately returned to its level of popularity,

which benefits both students and Dining itself. Dining was clearly attuned to student opinion, and they acted accordingly. Bravo.

Those members of VSG who worked hard to convince Dining that the Pub needed to return to form have shown they are listening to their constituents. Students should be glad their student government is working in their interest. This is a role that, for most of the past year, VSG has been moderately successful in fulfilling. The aspects of campus life that include student dining, residence halls and academic resources, are those VSG has a good handle on.

On a larger scale, the Pub's transformation back represents a success for Vanderbilt students who wish to act through the appropriate vessels to make their lives here better. It demonstrates that if enough students make enough noise about a legitimate issue, the university will respond. This is encouraging for students dissatisfied with certain parts of life on campus and want to do something about it.

Frighteningly awesome ideas for costumes



CAROLYN PIPPEN
Columnist

Big sigh of relief, everyone — it's finally fall. The temperatures have hit the low 40s and I can finally wear Uggs and oversized scarves with miniskirts again. Football fans are talking about how great our basketball team is going to be, and another U.S. president is cleaning out his sock

drawer. Most importantly, Halloween is coming. I have always found Halloween to be a fantastic test of one's personal creativity. In high school, I spent obscene amounts of time forming costume ideas that thrived in my head but inevitably failed in their execution. My Pink Panther more resembled the Energizer Bunny, and the stroke of genius behind Ghetto Cowgirl mostly just incited suspicions of recreational drug use. Nevertheless, I have noticed a lack of ingenuity among Vanderbilt students in recent years and would like to take this opportunity to share with you some of my more recent inspirations.

Obviously the most popular target this season is going to be political figures. Do it if you must, but go that extra mile by adding a personal element to this generic idea (and no, Slutty Sarah Palin doesn't count). If you're planning to go as McCain, attach one end of a string to your wrist, and the other to your foot, so that you are forced to hold all conversations leaning slightly to the right. Have a friend dress as Bush and spend the evening trying to lose him in the crowd.

Simply donning a suit and an Obama nametag is also insufficient, but this one could be a bit more challenging. Try inserting the word "change" into every sentence that comes out

of your mouth. Every. Single. One. If you are attending a party at which prizes are given out for the best idea, try to find a white guy in the same outfit. See if he gets as many votes.

If you do not have the means to buy a whole new outfit, the homemade Lil Wayne is a surefire hit. Put on every item of clothing you own, and each time the song changes, lose a layer. Once you get down to the bare essentials, bust out in a dance that makes you look like your hands are stuck to the ceiling and someone lit your butt on fire

There are also plenty of sources of inspiration right here on campus. For a partner idea that requires a little more gray matter, try Bobby Johnson and Dr. Heimlich. For a 2008 twist on the Frenzied Freshman, the Sexy Schoolgirl outfit may be recycled, accompanied by key phrases such as "Can I get this candy in a to-go container please?" and "I realize you said this jacket was a loan, I just assumed eventually you would let me keep it." Appropriate accessories include tootight diamond shoes and a wallet that won't fit all your \$100 bills.

A few what-not-to-wears: Do not go out dressed as the Forcible Fondler. That cleverly alliterative nametag does not make your playful assaults funny, and you will get kneed in the balls, most likely by a slutty pirate in leather thigh-highs. Also, resist the last-minute urge to throw on a pair of handcuffs and a Sigma Chi T-shirt. Some things are just too easy.

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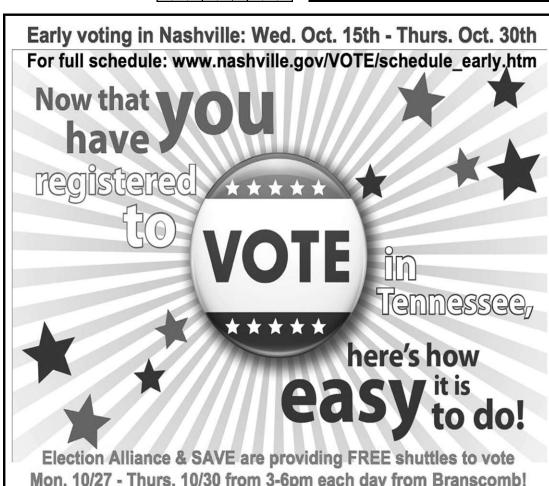
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Secondary has need for Spead

by DAVID RUTZ

Sports Specialist

Redshirt junior nickel back Darlron Spead is expected to return next Saturday to play against Florida after missing six games, and neither he nor Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson can wait for his

"I should be 100 percent for Florida," a smiling Spead said at practice Tuesday night.

Spead broke his left fibula against South Carolina on Sept. 4 after a 41-yard interception when he was tackled out of bounds.

"It'll be great to have him back," Johnson said. "Darlron's a playmaker. You saw the play he got hurt on, and he's always been that kind of a player."

Spead said the time away from the field was difficult but he was able to handle it.

"It's been hard but I had to deal with it, mentally and physically," Spead said. "I had to keep myself in shape and mentally I had to sit there and observe those guys playing. It's been tough but I dealt with it."

Right to work: The Commodores returned to practice Tuesday after taking two days off. Johnson spoke about Vanderbilt's off week really being an on week in the

wake of losing to Duke.

"We're going right to work for the Florida game," Johnson said. "We're not going to waste any time experimenting or anything."

"(We'll be) practicing hard," he added.

Vanderbilt's game against Florida will be televised, but it remains to be seen whether it will be on ESPN, ESPN2 or Raycom, depending on whether or not Florida beats Georgia this Saturday.

If Florida wins, the game will be at night on one of the ESPN stations. If the Gators lose, the game will air at 11:30 CT on Raycom Sports.

Not so special teams: The Commodore special teams, so instrumental in Vanderbilt's 5-0 start, have faltered in October.

During the three-game losing streak, Vanderbilt's longest punt return was a 15-yarder. They are averaging 3.1 yards a return on punts in the the past three games.

Junior D.J. Moore was leading the Football Bowl Subdivision with 28.5 yards per punt return, including a 91-yarder against Miami (Ohio), in the first five games, but is averaging just 2.5 yards per return since.

Also, senior kicker Bryant

Hahnfeldt missed two more field goals against Duke.

Hahnfeldt, who made his first seven field goals of the season, has not kicked one



Injured nickelback Darlron Spead will make his return to the secondary against Florida.

since making two against Ole Miss back on Sept. 21. One of his kicks against Auburn was blocked and he missed another. The four-game drought is the longest of his collegiate career.

Walker wows: Redshirt senior receiver Sean Walker had career highs with five catches for 136 yards against Duke. His 79-yard touchdown catch at the beginning of the fourth quarter was Vanderbilt's only score of the game and the longest offensive play for the Commodores this season. ■

Men's tennis caps successful fall season

by DAVID RUTZ

Sports Specialist

Alex Zotov and the Vanderbilt men's tennis team capped a successful fall campaign with a strong showing at the Crimson Tide Fall Championships in

Alabama over the weekend. Zotov, a sophomore, captured a singles title in the Joe Namath draw of the tournament with a tough win over Alabama's Michael Jung (5-7, 6-4, 7-5).

"The opposition at this tournament was extremely strong," Zotov said. "Alabama, Clemson, Auburn, Mississippi State, South Florida and Illinois are all very good."

Zotov credited his serveand-volley combination as the strongest part of his game that led to the victory.

Freshman Alex DiValerio and junior James Moye both triumphed in the semifinals of the tournament before falling in straight sets in the finals of their respective draws.

The fall season for the Commodores was a successful one, with multiple players making great runs in prestigious tournaments across the United States.

Junior Vijay Paul and freshman Charlie Jones both won two consolation matches at the Southern Intercollegiates in Athens in September, and DiValerio reached the quarterfinals of the winner's bracket.

Paul and senior Nick Cromydas both went to the prestigious Intercollegiate Tennis Association American championships in Tulsa in early October. Both players won matches in the singles and doubles draws in the tournament.

Earlier this month, Zotov to make a push to the late

and sophomore Adam Baker had a great run as a doubles tandem at the ITA Southeast Championships in Lexington earlier on October. They won four matches before losing to the No. 8 team in the country from Georgia in the championship finals.

Paul spoke earlier in the season of the team wanting

Vanderbilt will be focusing on both the mental and physical aspects of the game in the coming months under coach Ian Duvenhage, who has been with the program since 2005.

"The team will be focused on continuing to get better, stronger and tougher," Zotov said. "We will concentrate a lot



Sophomore Alex Zotov won a singles title at the Crimson Tide Fall Championships to cap a successful fall season for the Commodores, who don't play again until January.

Commodores appear to be on their way.

"We're a young, deep team and the sky is the limit," Paul said. "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 go to an elite level, and the on our physical condition and

strength." After playing in the National Indoors in Boise in January, Vanderbilt will open Southeastern Conference play with consecutive road matches at South Carolina and Florida before hosting a conference match with Louisiana State on Mar. 6. ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by David Rutz



1. Florida 6-1 (4-1 Southeastern Conference)

The Gators have outscored their last three conference opponents 152-33.



2.Alabama 8-0 (5-0) The Tide dominated Tennessee at Neyland Stadium from start to finish Saturday and has estab-

lished itself as a legitimate national championship contender. 3.Georgia 7-3 (4-2)



After last year's famous excessive celebration against Florida, the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail

Party will have even more theater than usual. It will also decide who wins the SEC East.



The Tigers stay here by default, really. Their once-vaunted defense has been shredded in two of the last three games and any hopes of a repeat as national champions are gone. 5. South Carolina 5-3 (2-3)



A bye week plus consecutive home match-ups with two of the SEC's worst teams should have the

6. Vanderbilt 5-3 (3-2) The Commodores appear to be sinking fast after losing to Duke. They have a bye week to sort

Gamecocks back in a bowl and help them forget about last year's titanic collapse.



things out before their November schedule starts, a month where they are 1-14 since 2003. 7. Ole Miss 4-4 (2-3)

Jevan Snead continued his fine play at quarterback with a win over Arkansas and has the Rebels



off to their best start in five years.

8. Auburn 4-4 (2-3) Since losing to Vanderbilt, the Tigers have been simply awful, on defense as well as offense. Who would have thought that the Tigers would be underdogs heading into a game against Ole Miss?



9. Kentucky 5-3 (1-3)

Losing to Florida at the Swamp is acceptable. Being beat 63-5 is something else entirely.



Phil Fulmer has been around the block a few times, but even he admits he's mystified by the lack of offensive execution by the Volunteers.

10. Tennessee 3-5 (1-4)

11. Arkansas 3-5 (1-4) Razorback running back Michael Smith is the Darren Sproles of the SEC. Just 5-foot-7 he's rushed



12. Mississippi State 3-5 (1-3)

for over 120 yards five times this season.

The Bulldogs did last weekend what the Commodores couldn't: win their Homecoming game.



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