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THIS WEEK

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Through Friday, non-seniors are encouraged to stop by Sarratt 112 (behind the Baseball Glove Lounge) any time between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. or 2 to 6 p.m. Seniors should visit www.vanderbiltcommodore.com to make appointments for senior portraits.

TODAY

Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the children's hospital. Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes.

TODAY

Masala-SACE Diwali sign-up

Masala-SACE will be having their annual Diwali sign-up meeting in Furman Hall, Room 114 at 9 p.m. This meeting is mandatory for anyone who is interested in taking part. If conflicts arise, e-mail Atur Sheth at atur.t.sheth@vanderbilt.edu

TODAY

Songwriters' night

The Writing Studio will host a songwriters' night at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall, Room 117. Participants will write songs from scratch and discuss brainstorming strategies.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 13

Alternative Spring Break information session

There will be an information session for Alternative Spring Break from 6 to 7 p.m. and again from 7 to 8 p.m. in Buttrick Hall, Room 316.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

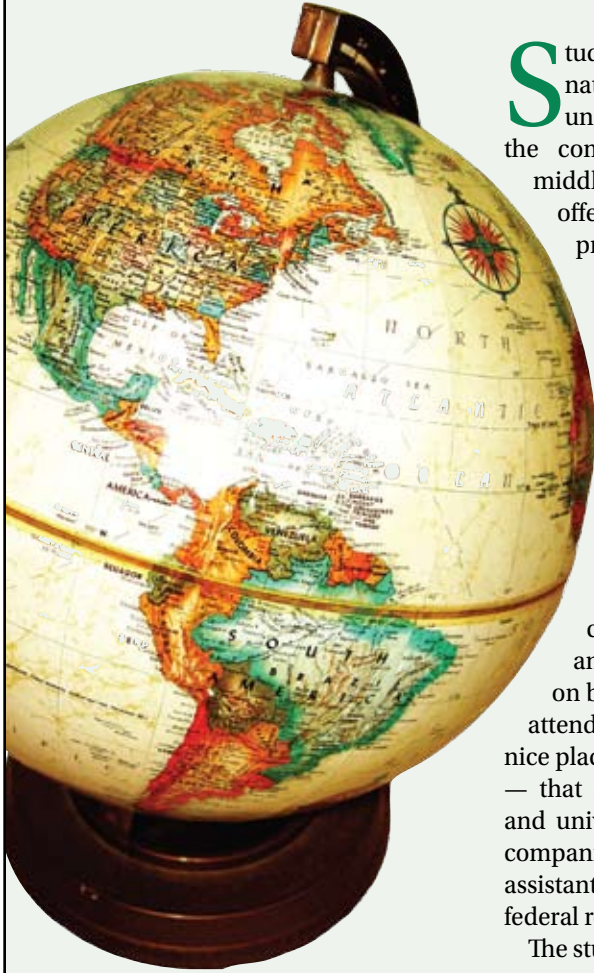
Quake pre-event sale and giveaway
Win Quake tickets or a Kanye West CD from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Sarratt Box Office. Quake tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. and are \$15 for students. Organizers expect the event to sell out quickly.

See <http://calendar.vanderbilt.edu> for more events.

Study abroad offices face examination

Department looks to expand programs.

by EVE ATTERMANN
Asst News Editor



Study abroad offices nationwide have come under scrutiny for the common use of private middleman companies in offering university abroad programs.

Officials in Washington and a recent New York Times article have called attention to the free trips abroad and direct cash bonuses that many offices receive from particular providers.

"The issue is these companies are providing anything—memberships on boards, paid travel, paid attendance in conferences in nice places, even office supplies—that might get the colleges and universities to favor those companies," said Jeff Vincent, assistant vice chancellor for federal relations.

The study abroad issue makes

up part of a larger investigation into relationships between colleges and universities and private corporations, Vincent said.

The Vanderbilt Global Education Office uses five private providers. Gary Johnston, director of study abroad programs, said no one in his office received any personal benefits from these companies but acknowledged that representatives travel abroad for free when they evaluate and approve many programs.

Free trips abroad are necessary in order for advisers to see programs personally before they are approved, Johnston said. And the use of private companies helps Vanderbilt study abroad provide a level of service it would otherwise be unable to due to its small staff of five.

While college officials may not have done anything illegal, they might have created an unethical perception of favoritism, Vincent said.

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STUDY ABROAD STATS	VANDERBILT	DUKE	EMORY	AMERICAN	GEORGETOWN
Percentage of undergraduates studying abroad	25	53.2	42.1	53.5	58.7
Undergraduate population	6400	6244	6346	5921	6853
Number of study abroad programs offered	60	100	80	105	115
Number of staff in study abroad office	5	11	12	10	15

Alumna teaches for America

Leadership at Vanderbilt prepared Gilpin for classroom.

by CHARITY HEMPHILL
Contributing Reporter

Recent graduate Hunter Gilpin is still in the classroom—but this time, she's the teacher.

Gilpin is one of 14 alumni who are starting their first year with Teach for America this fall.

Teach for America, a well-known post-graduate program, recruits graduating seniors to teach for two years in impoverished public schools.

While Gilpin has only been in the classroom for a month, the experience has already proven influential, teaching her about "the things what we take for granted as educated adults."

"For example, some of the kids that I teach didn't even know how to organize their binders before this year," she said, "so I had to spend time with them showing them how to put dividers in their binders and things like that."

Because of her experience, Gilpin said she plans to stay involved in public education.

Gilpin teaches sixth grade world culture at Y.E.S. Preparatory School, a charter school founded by Chris Barbick, a 1992 Vanderbilt graduate.

Gilpin, an art history major, was the founder and president of ArtReach, a program that brings art into lower-income, north Nashville schools. She was also the president of Vanderbuddies and a member of the LOOP tutoring and mentoring program.

Gilpin said joining Teach for America just felt "like it was the most natural thing to do."

"I saw it as an extension of everything I was involved in at Vanderbilt, and through my activities at Vanderbilt, I saw the great need for improvement in public education," she said.

Hunter said her leadership experiences prepared her for the program. She mentioned that learning how to manage time, work with other people and solve organizational problems

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TRI-COUNCIL CIRCLES SQUARE OFF



BRETT KAMINSKY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Members of Delta Delta Delta sorority and Kappa Delta sorority, among other sororities and fraternities across campus, participated in Greek Week Trivia in the Student Life Center on Tuesday night. Chapters from Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and National Pan-Hellenic Council compete in tri-council circles in the annual Greek Week competition. Greek Week will culminate in a Pat Green and The Dirt Drifters concert Friday night on Alumni Lawn.

HOD internship faces demise

Only overseas program lacks popularity among students.

by REBECCA TYRRELL
Asst News Editor

The London Bridge may fall down for HOD students.

With fewer Human and Organizational Development majors taking advantage of the London internship site, the program could become vulnerable to closure.

"We're just worried that if we don't increase participation in the program, it will become vulnerable," said Vicki Davis, director of the HOD internship program and founder of the London internship program.

HOD, the most popular major at Vanderbilt, offers London as the only established overseas internship that fulfills a graduation requirement.

The other internship sites are Chicago, Atlanta, Nashville, San Francisco, New York City and Washington, D.C.

Only eight students interned in London last spring. By contrast, 62 did internships in Nashville.

Davis has created a focus group

to determine what factors students consider when choosing internship locations and to brainstorm ways to educate students and parents about the benefits of the London program.

The focus group includes Davis, London faculty instructors John Hindle and Paul Spear, eight program participants from last spring, and the four students currently participating in London internships. The group will begin compiling data next week to gain perspective and consider ways to promote the benefits of the program.

London participant Stephanie Yewdell said the London program made her "calmer and more tolerant."

"It was a hard adjustment at first, but I came out of it knowing I could find my own housing, live by myself, buy my own groceries, pay my rent and adjust to a new culture," she said.

But other students said the benefits do not outweigh the

potential costs.

"I decided not to go to London because the exchange rate is so terrible," said senior Laura Skwarek.

Davis said she recognizes financial concerns are one of the primary deterrents to students considering London.

"We want to talk about funding options and contact foundations to create more scholarships since money may be a concern," she said.

The program currently awards just one \$1,000 scholarship each semester to program participants.

The internship is the capstone of the HOD major and requires students to work 32 hours a week and spend one day a week taking four courses condensed into a three-hour timeframe.

"We live in a global world, and we want more students to take advantage of the opportunity to develop a skill set that will be critically important in the future, while also fulfilling a graduation requirement," Davis said. ■

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FRIDAY



Isolated T-Storms, 87/61

SATURDAY



Sunny, 73/53

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

Monday, Sept. 10, 2:30 a.m.
An intoxicated person was unstable on his feet and stumbling. He was seen urinating on a storage container.

Check out <http://police.vanderbilt.edu/crimelog.htm> for complete listings.

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IN THE KNOW

The news you need — in brief

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

WORLD

Iran shows journalists feared prison where Iranian-American detained

Iran opened the doors of its most feared prison to journalists Tuesday in a move seen as an effort to blunt criticism of the country's human rights record.

The rare look inside Evin Prison — where inmates were seen swimming in an open-air pool, cooking meals and studying for university exams — contrasted sharply with tales of harsh treatment from some recently released prisoners.

Amnesty International said the tour was not representative of a facility where people have been tortured and political prisoners have been held without charges.

Forty journalists were taken on a 4-hour tour of five cellblocks at the sprawling facility in northern Tehran on the slopes of the Alborz Mountains. The reporters were allowed to talk freely with prisoners in their cells and in the halls.

SOURCE: AP

Pakistan's president sidelines key political rival but now faces new showdown with high court

President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's expulsion of a former premier has sidelined a political enemy, but now he heads onto a fresh collision course with the Supreme Court as it considers expected legal challenges to his bid for a new term.

Sending Narwaz Sharif back into exile Monday has not triggered much outrage from other Pakistani political factions, which also consider him a rival in upcoming elections, but the move is likely to further undermine Musharraf's standing with the public.

His popularity has plummeted since he unsuccessfully tried to fire the court's chief judge this year. That set off a nationwide protest movement, galvanizing opposition to military rule and presenting the general with his worst political crisis in eight years.

Musharraf is also under pressure to contain a surge in violence by pro-Taliban militants near the Afghan border, a fight that saw up to 18 people die Tuesday in a suicide bombing near the northwestern city of Dera Ismail Khan.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Kanye West blames MTV for Britney Spears' lackluster performance at Video Music Awards

Kanye West blames MTV for Britney Spears' less than stellar performance at the Video Music Awards.

"Man, they were just trying to get ratings, and they knew she wasn't ready, and they exploited her," the 29-year-old rapper said Tuesday on Sirius Satellite Radio's "The Morning Mash Up."

The network made a "bad move" by having the troubled pop star open Sunday's event in Las Vegas, said West, who feels he should have kicked off the show with "Stronger," the first single from his new album, "Graduation."

Spears, 25, looked unprepared while performing her new song, "Gimme More," to a bewildered audience of her music industry peers. She seemed nervous and, at times, stopped singing altogether. West said he wanted to perform "Stronger" on the show's main stage — where R&B hotshot Chris Brown wowed the crowd with Michael Jackson-esque dance moves — but complied when he was asked to host a suite party.

SOURCE: AP

Officials say Bush will adopt Petraeus' recommendations on troop withdrawals

President Bush will tell the nation this week he plans to reduce the American troop presence in Iraq by about 30,000 by next summer, but will condition those and further cuts on continued progress, The Associated Press has learned.

In a prime-time television address, probably Thursday, Bush will endorse the recommendations of his top general and top diplomat in Iraq, following their appearance at two days of hearings in Congress, administration officials said. The White House plans to issue a written status report on the so-called "surge" on Friday, they said.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Bush's speech is not yet finally drafted. White House officials were preparing the address even as the U.S. commanding general, David Petraeus, and U.S. Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker were presenting arguments to stay the course in Iraq in a second day of testimony on Capitol Hill.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Student study bolsters case for adding a rare sunflower to the endangered species list

A doctoral student's research in the biological sciences department could mean the addition of a rare sunflower to the endangered species list.

Jennifer Ellis, working under the supervision of Professor David E. McCauley, conducted the series of genetic studies.

The species is called the giant whorled sunflower, *Helianthus verticillatus*. It was discovered in 1892 in Tennessee but was thought to be extinct until 1994 when it was rediscovered in Georgia. Today, it is known to exist in only four locations in West Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. It has been a candidate for listing as a federal endangered species since 1999.

Over the course of the last four years Ellis has conducted a series of studies of the whorled sunflower showing why the plant should make the list, significantly increasing the odds that the gangly plant will do so. Once a species is listed then the federal government is empowered to take a number of steps to protect it.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

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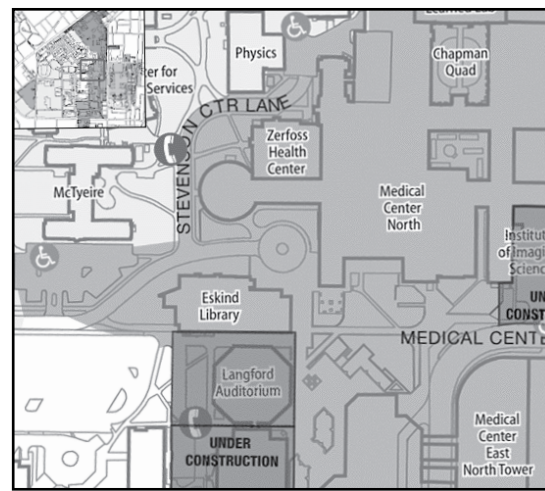
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The Student Health Center is located just past Stevenson Center, as you walk toward Medical Center North. More information can be found on their Web site, www.vanderbilt.edu/student_health

SNAPSHOT

CELEBRATION THROUGH RELAXATION



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Vanderbilt employees attended the kick-off event of Employee Celebration Week all day Monday on Library Lawn. Massages and other activities aimed at employee appreciation were offered at the event.

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Class of 2010 takes trial run on Commons

Students express worry about freshman segregation.

by NIKKI BOGOPOLSKAYA
Staff Reporter

Members of the Class of 2010, most of whom live on The Commons, will test out the experience for incoming freshmen.

So far, the usual grumble about the distance from Peabody to main campus has been the main — if not only — complaint. But many students try to see the bright side.

“The lack of convenience makes up for it in (the) beauty (of the Peabody campus),” said sophomore Andi Goldberg.

But sophomore Jillian Richmond said an all-day Vandy Van service would improve life on The Commons.

Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo said he was not surprised by students’ mostly positive reactions.

“I don’t hear very many people complaining about the new buildings, or saying that they feel like ‘guinea pigs,’” he said. “Everybody really seems to like living here. I’ve had students tell me they wish they were first-year students next year.”

Wcislo cited Commons programming and sophomores’ involvement as reasons for their happiness.

“They’re helping to build The Commons,” he said. “It’s a project for the entire university to be involved in.”

Despite current contentment, however, some upperclassmen said The Commons will not be a good living situation for freshmen.

“Freshmen will be too far removed from campus,” Richmond said. “Because we’re sophomores, it’s OK, but the level of separation won’t be good for freshmen.”

Richmond also said the plan to put current sophomores in Branscomb and Kissam worries her.

“It’s an unnatural progression to live in the same place you lived freshman year,” she said.

But Wcislo said the classes of 2012 and beyond are important to the university.

“What happens to first-year students after they leave The Commons and become upper-class students is very much on the minds of the university’s administration,” he said. ■



Sophomores Hope Martin, Caroline Lewis, Gary Owen and Lucas Pappas work out at the fitness facility in The Commons Center. The class of 2010 is the first to live almost entirely on The Commons.

SARA GAST / The Vanderbilt Hustler

STUDY ABROAD: Campus office seeks to expand options, increase participation

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“Is the college doing a deal because of favors or bargaining hard to get a study abroad program at the best price? There are various shades of this, and it’s not always illegal, but it’s just not always perceived in the best interest of the students and parents of students who are paying the bills,” Vincent said.

Students who wish to use other private companies to find less expensive options, for example, often cannot transfer their credit or get their trip approved.

“To be candid, it can be a little more difficult for those students,” Johnston

said. “But we have no program with exclusivity, and we have contracts with our providers that the legal office looks at.”

This attention comes as the Global Education Office tries to expand the scope and availability of its programs.

An important part of the new initiative, a Fisk-Vanderbilt study abroad grant, will allow students traditionally underrepresented in study abroad education — namely minorities, men, female athletes and engineers — to study abroad in higher numbers.

Increased study abroad opportunities help make graduates more marketable

to a global economy, said Assistant Director Marie Martin, and reflect increased enthusiasm for study abroad programs.

Only 25 percent of Vanderbilt students choose to go abroad, a considerably lower number than peer institutions such as Duke, Emory and Georgetown.

“There hasn’t been a culture of study abroad or global education on Vanderbilt’s campus, but that’s really changing,” Martin said. “Students worry that it doesn’t fit with their major or that it is too expensive, but we are seeing more students come in with a higher expectation.” ■

TEACH FOR AMERICA: Sociology class taught dynamics of urban life

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such as budget issues have helped her face the challenge of leading a classroom.

And though there were a number of classes and experiences at Vanderbilt that Hunter feels prepared her to face the challenge of being a teacher, she said Sociology of Hip-Hop

and Rap, taught by Professor Jennifer Lena, prepared her most for her experience thus far.

“The class helped me to understand how the dynamics of urbanization and race have affected American society,” she said. “It helped me to see beyond what most of American society says about the poor.” ■

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VandySwap down for beginning of semester

by VASANTH SATHYAKUMAR
Contributing Reporter

Students looking to avoid high textbook prices missed out this fall.

VandySwap, Vanderbilt Student Government’s online marketplace that allows students to sell anything from used textbooks to Xbox 360s, was inoperable due to a server change made to all school-related Web sites.

Many have not worked since then, but VandySwap is back up.

In order to access the site, students must go through the VSG Web site, www.studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg, and enter their VUnetID and password.

Junior Jared Anderson, speaker of the senate, worked on the problem, but he said VSG does not have direct

control of VandySwap and must go through ITS.

Students who planned on using VandySwap missed its presence.

“I heard from some upperclassmen that it was a good way to get books,” said freshman Nathan Rothschild. “I had to find other ways instead.”

Anderson said VSG plans to upgrade VandySwap.

“We’re changing it visually to make it more appealing and thinking of adding new options to it,” he said.

VSG officials plan to promote VandySwap publicly through newspapers, posters and student organizations.

“We’ve been very busy,” Anderson said. “But VandySwap remains a priority, and we remain committed to it.” ■

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OUR VIEW

Vanderbilt should make studying abroad a more viable option

Study abroad can be the pivotal experience of a college career and may very well represent a once-in-a-lifetime chance to live outside the United States. It broadens students' horizons and provides opportunities and perspectives unavailable at their home universities.

But Vanderbilt lags behind its peer institutions with regards to student participation in this unique collegiate experience. With its several new initiatives, the Global Education Office seems to recognize that we live in an increasingly globalized society and has made it a priority to increase involvement in its programs. However, studying abroad should be a much bigger priority — especially in the minds of administrators. If liberal arts and major requirements are so strict that they prevent students from studying abroad, perhaps they should

be relaxed. If the office lacks the necessary assets — or staff — to provide enough options, perhaps they should be given the funds needed to acquire these resources.

The Global Education Office should present as wide a range of offerings as possible to accommodate increasingly diverse interests on this campus. But the students should do their part as well. If students feel their study abroad expectations are not being met, they should push their case as hard as they can.

Naturally, circumstances may prevent certain locations from being viable, and resources are no doubt a concern the study abroad staff faces. However, students must also recognize and utilize the power they have. They should not settle simply for the locations to which Vanderbilt study abroad evaluators are able to receive free trips.

COLUMN

Conservatives need new 9/11

MICHAEL MAIO
Columnist

Britney Spears is not the only one who has made a comeback lately. On Sept. 7, Osama bin Laden released his first video in nearly three years to deliver a rambling indictment of America.

After the release of the video, the conventional wisdom was that the resurfacing of bin Laden helps Rudy Giuliani's presidential campaign. As Chris Cillizza of the Washington Post said on MSNBC, "It immediately brings to mind the sense that we are still in this war on terror. I think any time that that dynamic exists in the political dialogue, it helps Rudy."

In one sense, it is counterintuitive to suppose that a video reminding Americans of the Bush administration's inability to weaken al-Qaida helps the candidate whose foreign policy views most closely resemble the president's, only with even less nuance. However, at the same time it would be difficult to deny that the fate of Giuliani's candidacy largely rests on the salience of the issue of terrorism throughout the election season. Giuliani has staked his campaign on the myth that he showed exemplary leadership during and after the Sept. 11 attacks (a topic for another day), and he will do everything possible to make sure that memories of the tragedy remain vivid in voters' minds. Indeed, the former mayor of New York City returned to speak at Ground Zero yesterday to mark the sixth anniversary of Sept. 11.

Psychologist Drew Westen argues in his well-received book "The Political Brain" that Republicans like Giuliani are simply exploiting human nature by raising the specter of the Sept. 11 horrors at every opportunity. The effectiveness of the approach is explained by something called terror management theory, which deals with how individuals' attitudes change when the thought of death is on their minds. As Westen notes, "More than 250 experiments in over a dozen countries have demonstrated that reminding people of their own mortality — activating (neural) networks about the fear of death — tends to tilt our brains to the right." In a series of studies conducted during the 2004 presidential election, researchers found that "priming" subjects by having them answer questions about death led to increased support for President Bush and the war in Iraq, even among self-identified liberals.

The larger implication of the research — that terrorism is in some sense an inherently conservative issue — is something most of us already know intuitively. That's why it was an utter cliché that the All-American Block Party held on campus Sept. 7 was suffused with overtly conservative appeals, including the appearance of the loaded question, "Are you patriotic?" in the event's promotional advertisements. The tone-deaf decision of College Democrats to co-sponsor the event not withstanding, the block party's premise that we need to make sure we remember Sept. 11 (has anyone really forgotten?) fits comfortably within the frame of terror management theory marrying fear of terror to conservative attitudes.

All of this suggests a fundamental irony in the attempts of the Republican Party to "own" Sept. 11: For all their talk about being tough on terrorism, the authoritarian brand of conservatism now dominating the party — and embodied by Giuliani — draws its energy from the strength of terrorists. As long as there is enough terrorist rabble making noises about attacking America so that neo-conservatives can prop them up to claim that terrorism poses an existential threat

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BLOG

University hinders rock musicians' practice ability

CHRIS SKENE
InsideVandy Blogger

Music is a vital part of the culture of both Vanderbilt and the Nashville area. Every weekend the pulsing rhythm of all kinds of sound spills forth from frat row. Students walk around campus with their ears plugged up by iPod headphones. We kick off the school year with live acts at Commodore Quake and bring it to a close with the orgasmic release of Rites of Spring. Nashville is a place that gives birth to rock stars. Yet there is no place on campus for students to get together and play amplified music.

Vanderbilt needs to do more to make musicians of all stripes welcome on campus. A variety of genres — from electric blues and Southern rock to country and heavy metal — require the use of drum sets and amplifiers. University policy makes playing these types of music very difficult for students who live on campus, either in residence halls or Greek houses, when it should be encouraging the exploration of all forms of artistic expression. Nashville attracts students with an interest in music, and Vanderbilt needs to recognize this and respond accordingly.

Why, though, can't people

interested in these types of music practice at low volumes by themselves in their room? Learning to play music is no different than learning a team sport — you need to practice playing with others in order to improve. Making music in a group is, in many ways, like having a conversation. Try talking to yourself for a few minutes. It's not very satisfying.

Here's how the current system for playing music on campus works. You're a musician, and you're lucky enough to meet people with the interest, skills and equipment necessary to start a band. Under the cover of night you move a drum set into a practice room. (For those who have never had to transport a drum set before, it's about as fun as moving in at the beginning of the school year.) So far so good. You then pick out times to play when you're least likely to receive noise complaints or have an upset resident adviser knocking on the practice room door. In between practices you hope your equipment hasn't been stolen and that anyone who uses it does so with respect (both for the equipment itself and the people living nearby). It's not a very good system.

Here's a better one. The university puts a drum set and some soundproofing in a practice room and sticks a card reader on the door.

If you want to use the room, you pay a "room fee" (say, \$100 per year) to get card access. At the same time you sign a waiver absolving the university of responsibility for any equipment you choose to leave in the room. All of the people who use the room (not just one person per group) are required to pay the fee and sign the waiver. The university can limit access via the card reader or by requiring groups to sign up for room time on a sheet at the reeve desk of the building.

Because students must pay to access the room, those who use it will treat both the room and the equipment in it properly. Additionally, the recurring payments will offset any costs associated with maintenance, and might even bring in extra revenue for the university.

It's impossible to quantify the effect that amplified music has had on our civilization (The Beatles, anyone?), but Vanderbilt treats it as an unimportant inconvenience that needs to be stamped out with harsh policy. Let's change that attitude by providing adequate practice facilities for the many guitarists, bassists, and drummers on campus.

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COLUMN

U.S. must re-engage with humanity

NIKHIL TRISTAN SEKARAN
Columnist

Last month, sitting at a cafe in Freetown, Sierra Leone, I had an interesting conversation with a former Oxford professor of African politics. While discussing the historic importance of the Sierra Leone presidential elections, the professor made a striking, desultory remark: "The symbol of America is no longer the Statue of Liberty. It is Guantanamo." At the time I didn't know what to make of the comment, choosing not to reply. Being an American and having traveled to so many places in the past few years, I make a concerted effort never to engage in talks about the Bush presidency's foreign policy. I garnered from previous experiences that expressing your mind on this subject, at least internationally, can get you in some dangerous situations, especially at unforgiving watering holes.

Upon returning to the States, I gave his view some real thought. I tried to justify to myself that our misadventure in Iraq is not the be all and end all for America; tangible progress, military or political, could reverse this trend. My conscience told me otherwise. Still today, I question whether hubris has shattered America's global image so extensively that it is beyond repair.

A recent study published by The Program on International Policy Attitudes attests to this notion. The question asked whether the U.S. has a positive or negative influence on the world. The results were quite astonishing: Of the 26 countries polled, 20 believe the U.S. has a negative effect on global affairs. The U.S. comes only second to North Korea in the ratings list. "This reaction cannot simply be dismissed as something necessarily engendered by a powerful and rich country," said Steven Kull, director of PIPA. "The numbers we are seeing today are the lowest numbers that have ever been recorded."

We cannot know what the future has in store. The increasing role of public opinion in international affairs, especially in regards to the sustainability of democracy, holds major salience in today's evolving societies. But our government can start right now by making concerted efforts to rectify our current ignominious global standing, paving the way for the next president to pursue amiable policies that foster international partnerships rather than destroy them. A new American leadership must speak to a higher moral value and emphasize international consensus. Effective solutions to our current global emergencies are imperative and America has the resources and the leadership potential to address them. If we re-engage with our allies, our traditions and, most importantly, our own people, we can re-engage with humanity and the liberal democratic ideal.

First, Washington politicians must stop with their partisan squabbling. The time for that is over. It is time to mobilize and join international actors in solving crises that threaten our very survival. Iraq must remain on the agenda; that is a given. But it is neither prudent, nor logical, to believe that an immediate withdrawal from Iraq is a viable option. Doing so would push the country into further upheaval. With no functioning central government in Iraq or conciliation amongst warring Sunni factions, the prospects for peace in the Middle East would be disastrous.

In this case, we must also focus on a wider Middle East solution

with special attention paid to the Iranians. They may hold a key to stabilizing Iraq. Emphasizing a quid-pro-quo approach on the nuclear dilemma while pursuing a cohesive diplomatic strategy to contain Islamic fascism in the greater region may provide favorable results. We must let Tehran know that meddling in Iraqi affairs is unacceptable.

Second, to President George W. Bush's credit, he has made some monumental strides in the area of foreign and humanitarian assistance, most notably in regards to Africa. Being the neoconservative that he is, it is positive to see that he has a genuine care for the plight of Africa's people. Nicholas Kristof of The New York Times notes three areas of action. The first is the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief that was created earlier this year. This ambitious project seeks to save over 12 million lives. The second foreign aid program is the Millennium Challenge Account, which will reward states practicing good governance with priority loans. It would be smart to emphasize World Bank initiatives on this one. Now that Robert Zoellick heads the institution, idealism can give way to strong management and efficiency. Finally, Kristof notes that "President Bush has begun to focus attention and funds on malaria, which kills more than 1 million people a year in poor countries and imposes a huge economic burden on Africa in particular." Continued humanitarian intervention in Africa is not a choice, it's a necessity.

Darfur is also a pressing issue. While the president was initially slow to react, recent actions directed at al-Bashir's Khartoum government illustrate that the U.S. will no longer tolerate actions of genocide. U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon's recent visit to Sudan and other African states has yielded some powerful prospects towards the cessation of the conflict. But we have seen similar scenarios in the past: Negotiations begin and then wither before any substantive dialogue can occur.

China is a contributor to the conflict, providing much of the revenue (through oil sales) that arms the janjaweed (state-sponsored death squads). Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice must be forceful in her use of aggressive diplomacy with the Chinese government and insist it cease its trading relations with Sudan, no matter how lucrative, for the sake of global peace.








Finally, to restore American credibility and legitimacy in the world, we must actively work towards convincing other states to act tough in battling global warming and climate change. Working together with the French and the Germans in conjunction with the U.N., we can pursue alternative policies that work to reduce our global dependence on oil and emphasize the use of nuclear energy. In effect, we also diminish the strategic power autocratic regimes such as Iran, Venezuela and to an extent Russia, have on global politics and dictating international commodity markets. With decreased oil revenues, these nations have no choice but to adhere to international norms.

This may be our last chance. Bush has the opportunity to alter his legacy and America's future in his waning months in office. Whether he will take advantage of this is a different story.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
Compiled by Teresa Cambria

Joanne Segale		The 68-year-old retired bus driver found fugitive Democratic fundraiser Norman Hsu on a train. Sharp eye.
Britney Spears		If you thought "Crossroads" was the worst thing Britney ever produced, her disastrous VMA performance sure showed you.
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Pints		The European Union rules in favor of "imperial measurements," so students abroad may still enjoy this glorious tradition.
iPhone		Easily hacked iPhone now \$200 cheaper, which is good news — unless you already paid full price for a crappy original.
New England Patriots		Taking a page from the ever-successful Alberto Gonzalez playbook, former champs get caught spying on New York Jets.

MAIO: Conservatives have aggrandized terrorist leaders through hyperbole

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to western civilization, their ideology will remain within the mainstream of American politics.

By waving the banner of Sept. 11 and speaking in hyperbolic terms of the threat bin Laden continues to pose, conservatives have aggrandized the terrorist leader even as they denounce him. Such talk betrays a sense of reverence for Sept. 11 — at least the day's political significance — while Americans of all political stripes deplore the perpetrators of the attacks. Among some conservatives, Sept. 11 remarkably seems to resonate more

as a political event than as a human tragedy. A particularly illustrative example of this mindset came last month when Stu Bykofsky, a columnist for The Philadelphia Daily News, wrote, "I'm thinking another 9/11 would help America" because "we have forgotten who the enemy is."

Republicans have made a point of publicly insisting that we never forget Sept. 11, but it is worth being wary of appeals for us to mentally relive the visceral experience of that day no matter how much time has passed.

—Mike Maio is a senior in the College of Arts and Science.

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SPORTS

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Upcoming Events

**Soccer vs. Gonzaga
Friday
7:30 p.m.****VU Soccer Complex**

After smashing Tennessee Tech 6-0 last Sunday, the Commodores (2-1-1) seek to take advantage of two more home games this weekend as they host Gonzaga on Friday and Saint Mary's on Sunday. While Vanderbilt is relatively inexperienced, it hasn't shown too much early on.

**Men's Tennis
Vandy Invitational
Friday, Saturday
All Day****Currey Tennis Center**

Vanderbilt, led by senior Ryan Preston, will begin its season by hosting the Vanderbilt Invitational. The Commodores lost in the second round of the NCAA Tournament last season.

**Women's Golf
Mason Rudolph
Championship
Friday through
Sunday
Vanderbilt Legends
Club
Franklin, Tenn.**

The No. 10 Commodores start their season off with a bang as they welcome an extremely talented field that includes the top nine teams in the nation to Nashville this weekend. Vanderbilt, which finished sixth at last year's NCAA Championships, is led by junior All-American Jacqui Concolino. This weekend also marks coach Greg Allen's debut with the black and gold.

**Men's Golf
Carpet Capital
Collegiate Classic
Friday through
Sunday
Dalton, Ga.**

Vanderbilt, which is led by junior Jon Curran, kicks off its 2007-2008 season with the Carpet Capital Collegiate Classic in Dalton, Ga.

**Football vs. Ole Miss
Saturday
6 p.m.****Vanderbilt Stadium**

After falling to Alabama last Saturday, the Commodores (1-1) host the Rebels this weekend in a critical contest. Vandy wants revenge after losing to Ole Miss 17-10 last year in Oxford.

**College Football
Tennessee at Florida
Saturday
2:30 p.m.****CBS**

Sophomore quarterback Tim Tebow and the Gators (2-0) look to remain undefeated as they host the Vols (1-1) in an important SEC matchup. The "Swamp" should be rocking for this one.

Notre Dame takes title of most overrated



Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis and freshman quarterback Jimmy Clausen can't deny the fact that the Fighting Irish are the most overrated program in college football.

GOOD CALL

by ZAC SUGARMAN
Sports Reporter

Much like the bubble that exists here at Vanderbilt — just read an Andrew Solomon column if you're skeptical — there exists a bubble in South Bend, Ind. Regardless of what any Notre Dame fan tries to tell you, they are not the most prestigious team in college football.

While they claim 13 national championships, only 11 are consensus titles because of the 1938 and 1953 seasons in which they were not bestowed a No. 1 ranking by The Associated Press. And yes, Notre Dame is one of only four D-1A teams with over 800 wins. However, for the sake of argument, let's stick to the post-World War II era because we've all heard the tales of Notre Dame football glory from our grandparents or even great-grandparents.

Year in and year out Notre Dame battles the toughest teams in college football. The Independent League boasts powerhouses such as the Army, Navy and always dangerous Western Kentucky. Usually rounding out the rest of their schedule are Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Stanford, UCLA and USC.

While USC and Michigan are considered prestigious programs — except for Michigan this year — Notre Dame's strength of schedule is consistently the weakest of the top-25 teams, if and when it is ranked.

Despite statistical evidence and current trends, Notre Dame fans still insist their traditions supersede their success and are therefore inclined and entitled to refer to their team as "the most prestigious program in college football." They just can't seem to let the past go, which is exactly why I'll choose to focus on the present.

Kudos on your current streak of nine consecutive bowl losses, including the 41-14 beating received earlier this year from LSU in the Sugar Bowl. You clearly belong in the BCS hunt with the likes of Florida, Texas, Oklahoma, USC and Ohio State, even though you haven't won a bowl game since 1992.

The last national championship Notre Dame won was in 1988, which doesn't seem that long ago, yet consider that the aforementioned teams all have won championships since 2000. Programs are considered prestigious because they consistently win and do so at a high level.

Notre Dame once competed at a high level but has since faded, and fans should now accept the fact that their program is nothing more than average. And from the team's performance the first two games this season, it appears "average" may even be an overstatement.

While I have never cared for the Michigan-Notre Dame game in the past, as a devout Ohio State fan I have thoroughly enjoyed both team's first two games this season, and for some inexplicable reason have found myself thinking the following about this weekend's matchup: Go Blue. ■



Forget Notre Dame. Bobby Bowden (left) needs to step down as coach of the Florida State Seminoles, the most overrated program in college football.

BAD CALL

by NATHANIEL HORADAM
Sports Reporter

Notre Dame was overrated last season; there is no question about that. The Fighting Irish entered the season favored by many to make the national championship game and subsequently finished the year 10-3.

The defense just wasn't there, and quarterback Brady Quinn's protection was mediocre at best. But, despite an embarrassing 0-2 start to this season, Notre Dame does not have the most overrated program in college football.

Everyone knew the Irish would struggle this year, and they opened the season with only a few Associated Press top-25 votes. They lost Quinn to the Cleveland Browns in the first round and probable NFL first-round pick Jeff Samardzija to baseball's Chicago Cubs. Only eight starters from last year's team returned, and the offense is now in the hands of true freshman Jimmy Clausen. This is not a good team, and nobody expected them to contend for a major bowl game, so I don't see how they could be overrated at this point.

Two times in the last five years, the Irish have opened the season with a handful of AP votes and ended in the top 12. Only once have they truly disappointed, and that was last year. And although their three losses were blowouts, Michigan, USC and LSU were all excellent teams.

I will concede Notre Dame is generally overrated, maybe even in the top five, but the Florida State Seminoles top the list.

Oh, how far the great have fallen ... Bobby Bowden needs to retire. He was once a great coach and remains a great recruiter, but he can't win anymore. The Seminoles appeared in five national championship games between 1993 and 2001, winning two. In the last six years, they have ranked in the top five nationally in recruiting four times (this year they are sixth so far) and tops in the ACC those years.

But the last five seasons have been tremendous disappointments. Despite winning the ACC championship three of those seasons and reaching BCS bowl games, they lost all three games. That conference has been the worst from top to bottom of any BCS conference, including the Big East. They also have a combined 43-22 record, which is pathetic for a team that recruits so well and started each season top 15 in the AP poll.

This year they are off to a weak 1-1 start, and they barely beat UAB, one of the worst teams in college football. After garnering a top-20 ranking in the preseason, this is truly the most overrated team in college football. ■

—To cast your vote on this week's "Good Call, Bad Call," go to:



COLUMN

Time has come for Johnson to make next step

DAVID SHOCHAT
Sports Reporter

Nothing comes easy when you are competing against some of the best teams in the nation week in and week out. However, in a year in which Vandy is expected to end its bowl drought, last Saturday's performance at Dudley field was just plain ugly.

With players such as Earl Bennett and Jonathan Goff and a veteran offensive line, there really is no excuse for such a beating.

Sure, Alabama may have some better athletes and more depth than Vandy, but on game day that shouldn't matter. What matters is putting your players, no matter how good or bad, in positions to succeed.

Alabama was not very impressive. The reason Alabama won was that Nick Saban, Alabama's coach, used his team's strengths to his advantage and put his players in positions to win. I guess that is what you get for \$4 million a year.

I realize that it is no easy task to coach at a private school with high academic standards. However, schools such as Stanford, Michigan, Cal, UCLA, Notre Dame and the University of Southern California have been able to put together great football teams while keeping their academic standards.

I realize that Stanford is no powerhouse and that some

of those schools are public universities, but that is beside the point. The point is academically strong universities have produced great teams.

The most important aspect to success at an academically prestigious university is the right coach. If you look at the success or failures at the above mentioned schools, the difference between whether the team went to a national championship or missed going to a bowl game was the coach.

In 1977 and 1978, the late, great Bill Walsh led Stanford to 9-3 and 8-4 seasons, respectively. He was using players that he didn't recruit, and yet he won because he was a great coach.

I understand that great coaches such as Walsh are few and far between, but it is a university's duty to find the best coach possible for their situation. This is even more vital at a school like Vanderbilt where there are restrictions on the type of student-athlete the coach can recruit due to academic standards.

I don't want to be mistaken. I am not saying to fire coach Bobby Johnson after one bad performance. Johnson has done an admirable job improving this program during his tenure.

However, I think that the coaching staff needs to re-evaluate the play-calling on offense and figure out how to maximize the team's strengths.

We have the players to compete in the SEC. They just need to

be put in positions to win, and I didn't see that on Saturday.

If improvements aren't made to right the Commodore ship, it may be time to make a coaching change and look for someone new. ■



Coach Bobby Johnson and the Commodores need to beat Ole Miss on Saturday.

VU MEDIA RELATIONS

Nickson's status in doubt against Ole Miss

Johnson confident in backup Adams.

by ANDREW HARD
Sports Reporter

As Vanderbilt (1-1) prepares for a critical home contest Saturday against Ole Miss, its starting quarterback is yet to be determined as Chris Nickson recovers from a hamstring injury he suffered in the Commodores' 24-10 loss to Alabama.

Nickson got hurt on Vanderbilt's first series of the game, immediately following the offensive pass interference call that negated Earl Bennett's 60-yard catch.

"I think it hurt him then and it got worse as it went along," said coach Bobby Johnson. "It wasn't enough to get him out, but it got worse and of course we tried to put him back in the second half. On his first attempt it was not responding, he couldn't push off his foot, so we got (Mackenzi Adams) in there."

Johnson said it is too early to name a starter. "It will be an evaluation period in the next couple of days to find out how Nickson will be," Johnson said. "Right now, it's too early to tell, but he's not ruled out for next week, I can tell you that."

If Nickson is unable to go, the Commodores will turn to Adams, who completed 13 of 23 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown Saturday. The redshirt sophomore also replaced Nickson in the second quarter of last year's game against Ole Miss and went 10-for-20 for 176 yards.

"I think if Mackenzi gets the reps in practice that your starting quarterback is going to get, then he'll be much sharper," Johnson said. "Mackenzi's got talent. He's a ballplayer, a tough guy (who) loves to compete."

NO COMPLAINTS HERE: Despite some controversial calls in Saturday's game, Johnson will not file a formal complaint with the SEC.

After looking at film, though, Johnson did admit that he "did not agree" with the facemask call that negated Alex Washington's 70-yard punt return for a touchdown in the second quarter, adding that if a facemask was called at all it should not have been of the more severe 15-yard variety.

The penalty seemed to sap some energy from the Commodores, who thought they had tied the game at 10.

"Officials make mistakes, but if there's a bad call, we have to overcome it and take it like a man," Johnson said. "We'll have some calls go our way, and hopefully we'll take advantage of them, but you can't run around crying about the officials."

ALWAYS CLOSE: For some reason, the Vanderbilt-Ole Miss game seems to be close every year.

Seven of the last eight meetings have been decided by eight points or fewer, including two in overtime. Even in Eli Manning's senior year, the Commodores almost took out the Rebels in the 2003 opener.

"It's had some crazy things happen," Johnson said of the series. "I don't think there's any reason for it. It just happens. Maybe it's because we're pretty even. It's been that way the last three years, anyway."

The Rebels beat the Commodores 17-10 in Oxford a year ago, even though Vanderbilt dominated the stat sheet.

"They had 170 yards; we had 400 and five turnovers," Johnson said. "That's frustration with a capital F"

Vanderbilt is seeking a much better performance Saturday.

"(Last year) encourages us to study more film and really dedicate ourselves a little more," said senior defensive end Gatewood.

GATEWOOD ROLLING: Gatewood has gotten off to a fast start. Despite not recording a sack in his first two games, he was instrumental in a pass rush that helped limit John Parker Wilson to 150 yards passing on Saturday.

"Curtis can sometimes create a hole for someone else, that's what he does," Johnson said, referring to a sack by linebacker Marcus Buggs. "Curtis doesn't let being a little bit small bother him; he's going to play hard and make plays. It's good to have speed."

Gatewood is part of a solid defensive end rotation that includes Broderick Stewart, Steven Stone and emerging freshman Theron Kadri.

"If we can get a fourth defensive end in the rotation we'll be pretty good at that position," Johnson said.

That unit will have its hands full on Saturday with Ole Miss left tackle Michael Oher, one of the best in the SEC. ■



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt's Alex Washington thought he had evened Saturday's contest with Alabama at 10 after returning a punt 70 yards for a touchdown. The officials called a facemask penalty, however, and the play was called back. The Commodores never recovered.

SEC Statistics

Leaders after Week 2

SCORING OFFENSE	TEAM	PTS/GAME
1.	Florida	54.0
2.	Kentucky	53.0
7.	Vanderbilt	25.5

Scoring Defense	Team	Pts Allowed/ Game
1.	LSU	3.5
2.	Alabama	8.0
8.	Vanderbilt	20.5

Receptions	Player	Total
1.	Earl Bennett (VU)	17
2.	Early Doucet (LSU)	15

Tackles	Player	Total
1.	D.J. Moore (VU)	24
	Ashlee Palmer (UM)	24

Tennis players earn preseason recognition



VU MEDIA RELATIONS

Three Vanderbilt women's tennis players are ranked in the preseason Intercollegiate Tennis Association singles poll, released last Friday.

Senior Amanda Taylor is ranked No. 20 after finishing with a 36-8 singles record, including a 10-1 record in conference matches, en route to earning first-team All-Southeastern Conference honors last season.

Not far behind Taylor is sophomore Catherine Newman, who enters the poll at No. 28. Newman enjoyed a successful freshman campaign, finishing with a 33-9 singles record and first team All-SEC honors.

Senior Taka Bertrand is ranked No. 73 after going 30-11 in singles play last season.

The Commodores also have two doubles teams in the preseason poll. Taylor, who earned ITA All-American honors for her performance with Amanda Fish a year ago, and junior Courtney Ulery are No. 21.

Bertrand and Newman are ranked No. 58 after going 25-10, including 9-2 in the SEC.

The Commodores open up the fall portion of their schedule Sept. 28-30 at the Furman Fall Classic in Greenville, S.C.

On the men's side, senior Ryan Preston and junior Nick Cromydas are ranked No. 29 and No. 74, respectively.

Preston, a two-time All-SEC selection, is also ranked No. 44 in doubles play with sophomore Vijay Paul.

The Commodores will begin their season on Friday when they host the two-day Vanderbilt Invitational.

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 - Regal address
 - Narrow inlet
 - Lascivious look
 - Grog ingredient
 - In opposition to
 - Sesame, for one
 - Use
 - Risk takers
 - Pro ___ (in proportion)
 - Hammer's target
 - Golfer's gouge
 - Roman poet
 - Norway's largest city
 - Weasel out of
 - Manuscript enc.
 - Footprint
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- DOWN**
- Polish companion?
 - Fork part
 - Dancer Pavlova
 - Try to answer
 - Distribute widely
 - "The Simpsons" barkeep
 - Aardvarksnacks

- Overused
- Mustard in Clue
- Says in a different way
- Former Yankee pitcher Reynolds
- Flat surface
- Sharp tastes
- Lost traction
- Landing area
- Put up
- Swedish pop group
- Religious sect
- Coagulate
- Modern memo
- Bulwark
- Hautbois
- Samson's pride
- Hosiery shade
- Son of Noah
- Tarnish
- Gambling houses
- Requisite
- Elementary school text

- '60s hairdos
- Pear-shaped fruit
- Nonconformists
- Skoal or prosit
- Take the car

- Sudan's river
- Novelist Connell
- Commuted
- Goulash or slumgullion
- Cut short

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