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TODAY
Salsa and Sangria
The Afro-Hispanic Review and African-American and Diaspora studies will co-sponsor an evening of food, salsa dance lessons, live music by Trabuka, and sangria celebrating "Dia de la Raza" from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Bishop Joseph Johnson Black Cultural Center.

TODAY
'Womyn with Wings'
"Womyn with Wings," a choreopoem, will address many topics including female mutilation in Africa, rape and breast cancer from a unique perspective of empowerment and healing. The show will be held at 7 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema.

TODAY
Club Commodore
As part of the Homecoming celebration, Club Commodore will be held in the Student Life Center from 9 to 11 p.m. The event will feature DJ Papa Squirrel.

THURSDAY
Biographer speaks at Law School
Biographer Robert Barsky will speak about Noam Chomsky, the subject of his latest book, "The Chomsky Effect," at 4:30 p.m. in the Hyatt Room in the Vanderbilt Law School.

THURSDAY
Blood drive
A blood drive will be held in the Branscomb Rec Room from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

THURSDAY
Stompfest
National Pan-Hellenic Council will present Stompfest, featuring teams of dancers from the Greek community and showcasing VIBE and Voices of Praise, in Memorial Gymnasium at 7 p.m.

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



Competing FORCES

ROTC members compete in wilderness challenge against military teams.

by **LISA GUO**
News Editor

Three navy ROTC students braved extreme heat to compete against 45 teams of active-duty military personnel in an outdoor adventure event this past weekend.

The three-day event in Fayetteville, W.Va., in the Appalachian Mountains near the New and Gauley Rivers, has been held for seven years, but this is the first year a college ROTC team has been invited to compete.

The event consisted of a mountain run, a swim, two white-water-rafting races, a mountain bike race and a mountain hike.

Junior Lindsay Dyer collapsed in the final stage of the race due to the heat.

"I was sick going into the competition and so was a little less than 100 percent," she said. "I was taken the hospital, and

they weren't sure whether it was heat stroke or heat exhaustion."

She added she "wasn't surprised the heat was getting to people. It was a very intense competition."

Despite this, Dyer said she enjoyed the competition and interaction with the active-duty military personnel.

"It was a very relaxed environment," Dyer said. "(There were) people representing every branch: Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force."

"We were actually teamed up with a team of marine corps guys from the Pentagon," said teammate junior Dylan Vest.

Mike Arnold, an owner of the rafting company hosting the event, said there were still many opportunities for interaction, despite lower attendance due to the Iraq surge.

"(The attendees) are together for all three days, eating meals, singing

karaoke, the whole bit," Arnold said.

Dyer said she hopes ROTC will compete again.

"Hopefully next year (we will) bring a couple of teams," Dyer said.

Teammate junior Kayla Bailey said the team would be more competitive next year.

"This year was just to feel it out, (but) next year we'll go out to compete," she said.

The event, sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Region Morale, Welfare and Recreation Department, was created to "(take) care of soldiers in a recreational mode," Arnold said. "The purpose is reward and recognition."

For students Bailey, Dyer and Vest, the event was just for pleasure.

"The three of us are pretty active in sports, and we thought it would be fun," Dyer said. ■

JEFF GENTNER / Photo provided

Fraternity celebrates 150 years of brotherhood

About 1,000 SAE alumni expected.

by **SAM OROWITZ**
Contributing Reporter

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity will celebrate its 150th year at Vanderbilt this Homecoming weekend.

Founded in 1857, Vanderbilt's SAE chapter is the second oldest chapter after the University of Alabama.

SAE will host a homecoming reunion for 700 Nu Chapter alumni. About 300 others also will attend, including members from the national SAE headquarters in Illinois and residents of 27 different states and one foreign country.

Events include a tailgate, which features a band and catered food, said Nicks Williams, an alumnus who is one of the weekend's main coordinators. The alumni are also planning a Saturday night formal dinner, which will likely draw 600 former members, he said.

The event planning started three years ago when Williams met with eight other SAE members who graduated in the 1970s. Williams called the fraternity's national office for lists of SAE members from as far back as 1857.

"It all just expanded from there," he said. "We started running all the names we had, and we found the latest contact information that we had. It has all been strictly word of mouth ... Literally hundreds of people have picked up cell phones and contacted a couple members from their class."

Some of the more outstanding alumni expected to attend include Madison Jones, who published

11 Civil War novels; President Carter's former Chief of Staff Jack H. Watson Jr.; All-American quarterback Bucky Curtis; Richard Selker, one of the founding fathers of financial planning; and Ross Perot Jr., who is now chairman of the Board of Perot Systems Corporation.

ALUMNI EXPECTED FOR HOMECOMING	
11	graduating classes
700	SAE alumni
2,654	total alumni

The oldest alumnus attending is the former SAE president from the class of 1941, Jim Reed, who owns a car dealership in Nashville.

Alumni have been working on the weekend with the on-campus chapter as well.

"We have a great alumni base that does a lot of work. They have been setting up the events, and we have been letting them know what we can do to help," said SAE President Edward Wills.

Wills said the biggest role for the officers is to "be welcoming and show (the alumni) around the house. We are preparing a newsletter for the alumni to show them what we have been doing throughout the year."

The chapter looks forward to the historic weekend, Wills said.

"It's really great to be here for the 150th year and see how important the fraternity is beyond college," he said. "It's also great to see how much of a network it is and how far the brotherhood goes beyond the four years." ■

Service-learning programs add to global education

by **EVE ATTERMANN**
Asst. News Editor

Now even more students have the chance to study abroad — including students who were traditionally unable to.

The Global Education Office now offers the Vanderbilt Initiative for Scholarship and Global Engagement, a new study abroad option. VISAGE, a yearlong learning sequence, offers a four-week summer service program in Nicaragua, South Africa or Australia.

The program reflects a wider initiative to broaden the scope of GEO (formally known as the study abroad office) to include more nontraditional study abroad and service options as well as opportunities for more students in different majors, said Marie Martin, assistant director of GEO.

"We really hope this will open up the door for everyone to go abroad and think about it in a long-term way," Martin said.

"We are utilizing Vanderbilt resources in the form of faculty and access to incredible organizations abroad."

The program Tuesday received a \$27,000 grant from the Center for Ethics to bring speakers to the three VISAGE sites' courses. The speakers will meet personally with students, eat meals with them and appear in public lectures for the general community.

The summer service is bookended by the two credited courses, the first of which covers the regional history, politics, economics and culture of the content area, and the second of which involves local civic volunteering and a research project.

Assistant Provost and history professor Joel Harrington, who also works for the Vanderbilt International Office, said VISAGE is unique as a service program because of this academic focus.

"This third component, combining group reflection

with academic research after the study abroad service is finished, sets it apart from other university's programs," Harrington said. "There is a real hunger among students for this type of active engagement within an academic context, and we have such a strong tradition of service as part of our academic mission."

A service scholarship through the Nichols Humanitarian Fund will be available for students

Please see **STUDY ABROAD**, page 3

VISAGE INFORMATION
Applications due: Nov. 1
Interviews held for all programs: Nov. 12 to 16
Nichols Humanitarian Fund Applications due: Dec. 1
Summer program cost (does not include airfare): \$2,750 plus tuition for one to three credit hours



Peabody professor Brian Heuser talks with students about working and studying in Cape Town, South Africa, at the VISAGE information session.

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CORRECTION

An article in Monday's edition of The Hustler, "University violence in Tennessee provokes government conference," did not include a byline. Staff reporter Taylor Davis wrote the article.

WEATHER

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

THURSDAY



Mostly Sunny, 67/44

FRIDAY



Sunny, 66/43

SATURDAY



Sunny, 69/45

VUPD CRIME LOG

compiled by SYDNEY WILMER

Sunday, Oct. 7, 6:42 p.m.:
A vehicle was vandalized at 210 24th Ave. South at the Beta Theta Pi house. The front of the vehicle was damaged.

Sunday, Oct. 7, 6:40 p.m.:
A person was brought into the emergency room at 1211 Medical Center Drive with illegal drugs.

Monday, Oct. 8, 11:15 a.m.:
Marijuana was found in a container during a traffic stop on 2008 West End Ave.

Monday, Oct. 8, 9 a.m.:
A laptop was taken from a secure vehicle in the South Garage at 1504 24th Ave. The suspect is unknown.

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

Convoy guards kill women in car in Iraq

Guards in a security convoy opened fire on a car at an intersection in central Baghdad on Tuesday, killing two Christian women before speeding away, police said. The Iraqi government said a Dubai-based private security company was behind the shootings.

Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalaf said the Unity Resources Group apologized after guards in four SUVs fired on a car carrying the two women, killing them instantly.

Khalaf said the government and the company have both begun investigations and initial findings showed the guards fired 19 bullets.

"They apologized and said they are ready to meet all the legal commitments," he said.

Unity Resources Group, which has operated in Iraq since 2004, employs security professionals from the U.S., Britain, Australia and New Zealand.

A company spokesman said there was a shooting involving one of its security teams and it was working with Iraqi authorities to determine the circumstances.

SOURCE: AP

Politician took shortcut in marathon

After a humiliating defeat in Mexico's presidential election last year, Roberto Madrazo appeared to be back on top: He'd won the men's age-55 category in the Sept. 30 Berlin marathon with a surprising time of 2:41:12.

But Madrazo could not leave his reputation for shady dealings in the dust. Race officials said Monday they disqualified him for apparently taking a shortcut — an electronic tracking chip indicates he skipped two checkpoints in the race and would have needed superhuman speed to achieve his win.

According to the chip, Madrazo took only 21 minutes to cover the 15 kilometers between the 20-kilometer and 35-kilometer marks — faster than any human being can run.

In a photograph taken as he crossed the finish line, Madrazo wears an ear-to-ear grin and pumps his arms in the air. But he also wore a wind breaker, hat and long, skintight running pants — too much clothing, some said, for a person who had just run for almost three hours in 60-degree weather.

SOURCE: AP

NATION

Group accuses U.S. of al-Qaida video leak

The director of a group that monitors militant Islamic Web sites said the government leaked an Osama bin Laden video that was passed along to senior U.S. officials on condition that they keep it secret. She claimed the leak rendered certain intelligence-gathering capabilities ineffective.

The White House said it was not responsible for the leak, and a senior official said the director of national intelligence should investigate the allegation.

Rita Katz, who runs the Washington-based SITE Institute, said her decision to pass the video to an official in the Bush administration has had an impact on the ways that the group has for obtaining these videos before they are made available by al-Qaida.

"Due to the leak, sources that took years to develop are now ineffective," Katz told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "A rare window into the world of al-Qaida has now been sealed shut." She declined to elaborate on whether she meant people or methods.

SOURCE: AP

Romney, Giuliani face off on taxes

Republican presidential hopefuls Mitt Romney and Rudy Giuliani clashed over tax and spending cuts Tuesday, each saying he was more committed than the other as they vied for conservative support in a debate in the nation's manufacturing heartland.

The government "is spending money of future generations and those yet to be born," said Fred Thompson, making his debate debut after a late entry into the race.

"We are spending money we don't have," he said, although he advocated no specific changes to shift course.

Giuliani and Romney got down to specifics, and sharply, when asked to discuss their differences over economic issues.

"I cut taxes 23 times. I believe in tax cuts," said Giuliani, former mayor of New York.

Romney said they were in agreement about tax cuts, then criticized Giuliani for having filed a court challenge to a law that gave former President Clinton the right to veto spending items line by line.

SOURCE: AP

CAMPUS

Vanderbilt leads study on law and neuroscience; researchers share \$10 million MacArthur Grant

Vanderbilt is taking the lead on a landmark study into the emerging field of law and neuroscience — analyzing the human brain to better understand how the brain's actions impact the law.

The first-of-its-kind project, which is a collaboration between researchers at Vanderbilt and more than two dozen other universities, is funded by a \$10 million grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

Professor Owen Jones helped procure the grant and was appointed co-director of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Decision-Making, one of the three networks within the project.

His network will explore decision making related to complex issues surrounding criminal intent. The other two branches will explore the roles of brain abnormalities and addiction as it relates to criminal behavior and criminal responsibility.

SOURCE: VANDERBILT NEWS SERVICE

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QUESTION:

What does the Office of the Dean of Students do?

ANSWER:

The dean of students provides students with a wide array of services and programming that promote student learning and development and an inclusive community.

Some of the offices that fall under the Office of the Dean of Students are:

- The Office of Academic Integrity and Student Conduct
- Student Health and Wellness, which includes the Student Health Center, the Psychological and Counseling Center, the Office of Religious Life, and the Office of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Education
- Housing and Residential Education
- Community Leadership & Intercultural Programs and Services, Active Citizenship and Service and International Student and Scholar Services
- Student Programs and Organizations, Vanderbilt Student Government, Student Organizations, Greek Life and the Student Centers

SNAPSHOT

FELLOWSHIP IN FOLK DANCING



SAM KIM / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Dancers of all levels practice Israeli folk dancing Monday evening in the Ben Schulman Center for Jewish Life. The dances combine elements from other dance cultures with the music and themes of modern Israel.

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Former Brazilian head of state speaks at Wyatt Center

Visit celebrates 60 years of Latin American studies at Vanderbilt.

by **KELLY SWOPE**
Staff Reporter

The Center of Latin American and Iberian Studies celebrated its 60th year Monday night with guest speaker Fernando Henrique Cardoso, Brazil's president from 1995 to 2003.

Cardoso spoke on the trials Latin America faces in a speech on "Democracy in Latin America: The Way Forward."

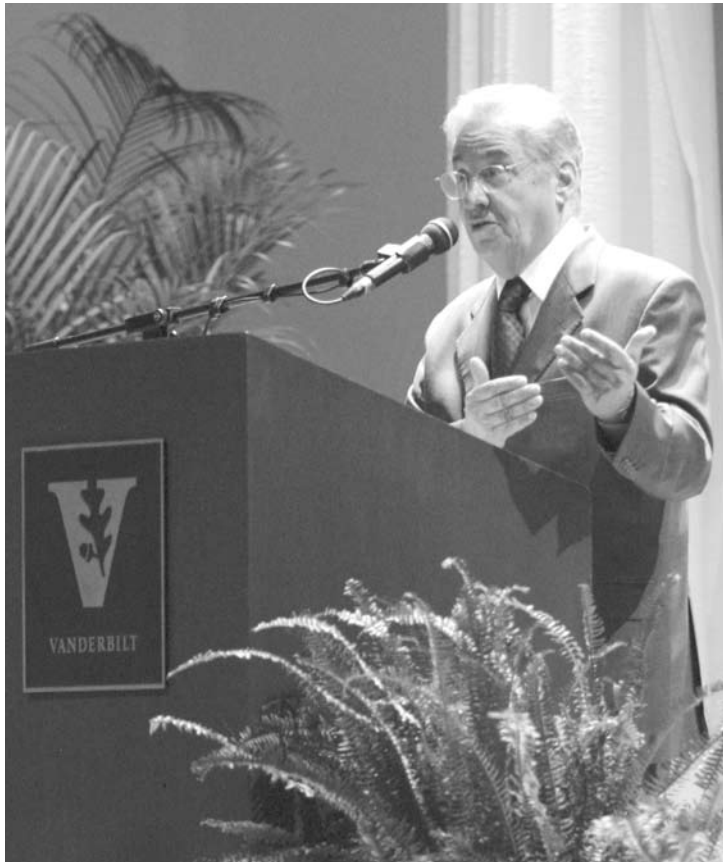
"The challenges we are facing in Latin America are very profound. You are not only holding elections but solving people's problems," Cardoso said. "(And) on top of all that, the world changes a lot."

His lecture analyzed the current state of democracy and economy in Latin American nations and refuted the speculation that there is a growing leftist movement in the lower Western Hemisphere.

Cardoso's optimism countered the Bush administration's rhetoric about looming socialist movements in Latin American nations.

"(Our government) is based not only on our love of democracy but ... transparency and accountability," he said. "It is a much more substantive democracy."

At the reception prior to the lecture, Cardoso said his experience in the field of



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Former Brazilian President Fernando Henrique Cardoso speaks about the prospect of democracy in Latin America, analyzing the current state of political and economic affairs in the region.

sociology helped him during his presidency.

"(As president) I always tried to keep my double eye (by) giving more attention to emerging problems and solutions," he said.

He also said his presidency helps him with his work as a sociopolitical analyst.

Cardoso, an internationally renowned scholar in the fields of sociology and economics, received his doctorate degree from the University of Sao Paulo. He is a professor-at-large at the Watson Institute of International

Studies at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Cardoso's talk drew numerous Vanderbilt faculty and staff, including Marie Martin, the assistant director of the Global Education Office.

"Being here is an amazing opportunity for me and the rest of the Vanderbilt community," Martin said.

Cardoso impressed students as well.

"He has a vast knowledge of everything," said Laura Morgan, a graduate student in Latin American studies. ■

STUDY ABROAD: Programs designed for broader student audience

From **STUDY ABROAD**, page 1
applying to the VISAGE program. The scholarship was created specifically for Vanderbilt students who want to volunteer for local, domestic or international humanitarian relief efforts, especially in the summer when scholarships are traditionally scarce.

"Financial aid in the summer often rarely exists," Martin said. "We want to change that and provide opportunities for anyone who wants to go, irrespective of socioeconomic boundaries."

Ed and Janice Nichols, who set up the fund, said they were impressed with the students, faculty and Vanderbilt and are confident the program will be successful.

"We are very blessed and very privileged for a wonderful program, and we pray that it will take off and flourish," Ed Nichols said.

The sites each offer different credit options for three different schools. For Nicaragua, where the focus is on family, community and social justice, students in the College of Arts and Science will be able to receive interdisciplinary

credit. For South Africa, where the topics will be education, social cohesion and economic development, human and organizational development majors will be able to receive credit for the international track.

In Australia, a focus on sustainable water resource management will allow engineers to get civil engineering credit, which Martin said will fulfill a technical elective for most

engineering majors.

Three faculty members in three different schools — professor Marshall Eakin in the College of Arts and Science, professor Brian Heuser in Peabody College and professor Gene LeBoeuf in the School of Engineering — have elected to be pro-bono academic directors for a site in the program's inaugural year.

"We did a blanket sampling of professors in each school," Martin said. "Next year professors will submit proposals, which will go through a VISAGE advisory council. We hope the program will grow with interest from students."

Sophomore Tamesha Derico said she was interested in VISAGE because the sites fit her individual interests.

"I was looking for a summer experience abroad anyway, and education and economic development fit my interest perfectly," Derico said.

Freshman Maggie Wilson felt similarly.

"I'm hoping to study to major in public policy, and I was looking for programs that would appeal to me in global places," Wilson said. "I also like the three-part system."

Sophomore Ogechi Achuko said VISAGE appealed to her because it had a shorter time abroad than traditional programs.

"I'm interested in study abroad and doing something different, getting out of the country," Achuko said. "I didn't want to leave the country for a whole summer; I can do a month abroad and not a whole six months." ■

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Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Homecoming Marketing
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Free Give-aways
"I'm Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contests, Produced by Apple

Tuesday, October 9th
Blood Drive
Dranscomb Rec Room 10am-6pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Homecoming Marketing
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Free Give-aways
"I'm Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contests, Produced by Apple

Wednesday, October 10th
Blood Drive
Monroe Carel Jr. Children's Hospital @ Vanderbilt, 2nd Floor
Theater Conference Room 7am-5pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Homecoming Marketing
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Free Give-aways
"I'm Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contests, Produced by Apple
Club Commodore
Student Life Center, Ballrooms A & D
DJ Papa Squirrel 9-11pm

Thursday, October 11th
Blood Drive
Dranscomb Rec Room 10am-6pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
"I'm a Dore, I'm a Dawg" Contests
Sarratt Promenade, 11am-1pm
Produced by Apple
Service Day
2-5pm
Sponsored by Vanderbilt Student Government
Stompfest
Memorial Gym 7pm
Produced by Greek Life

Friday, October 12th
Blood Drive
Dranscomb Rec Room 10am-6pm
Scavenger Hunt
Throughout Campus
Float Building Party
Kensington Ave 2-5pm
Commodore Quake
Memorial Gymnasium
Show at 8pm (doors open at 7pm)
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OUR VIEW

Vanderbilt would welcome Gore victory

Vanderbilt University boasts two Nobel Prize-winning alumni. Biochemist Stanford Moore, class of 1935, won the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1972. Mohammad Yunus, who earned his Ph.D. in economics in 1969, was awarded the coveted Nobel Peace Prize last year. Yunus won jointly with the Grameen Bank, which he founded, for their successful application of the concept of microcredit to encourage social development. With the announcement of this year's Nobel Peace Prize recipient set for Friday, it looks like the winner may be another individual with Vanderbilt ties.

Former Vice President Al Gore, a former Vanderbilt divinity student,

has been nominated to win this year's peace prize jointly with Canadian Inuit environmental activist Sheila Watt-Cloutier. Though he has long been a strong environmental advocate, Gore has emerged in recent years as arguably the leading voice in environmentalism, specifically regarding the fight against the threat of global warming. Recently, he starred in the Academy Award-winning documentary "An Inconvenient Truth," published a best-selling book with the same title and produced the worldwide Live Earth benefit concerts to raise awareness of this issue.

In the most recent issue of London's The Sunday Times, Gore has been

"tipped as a favorite to win," a move which they report could prove controversial for placing "saving the planet above saving people from war and conflict." However, without strong voices pushing for change in global attitude and policy with regards to the environment, it is possible that there may come a time when there are not many people left to save. For this reason, Gore's aims, though perhaps less overtly humanitarian, are no less worthy of the Nobel Peace Prize than past winners.

It will be a truly great Homecoming this week if, indeed, another former Vanderbilt student takes home the Nobel Prize.

COLUMN

Paul brings message of personal liberties to Nashville

JAMES HOPKINS
Guest Columnist

There is a unique voice in the Republican Party that speaks more loudly every day. Texan presidential candidate and Republican Congressman Ron Paul, who never voted to preemptively enter Iraq or approve congressional spending on the war effort, maintains his principled disapproval of America's irresponsible and reckless interventional methods under the Bush administration. Since recent polls confirm at least 2/3 of Americans disapprove of the Iraq war, it is foolish to dismiss Paul as a long-shot candidate.

Though largely ignored by the corporate media, Paul has garnered attention with a dedicated grassroots effort and strong third-quarter fundraising numbers of over \$5 million raised (only \$2 million shy of John Edwards). Patriots and supposedly pro-military politicians alike may want to note that employees of the United States armed forces are some of the greatest contributors to the Paul campaign. Indeed, Paul has received more donations from active armed forces employees than any other candidate. Having also served as a U.S. Air Force flight surgeon, Paul's position on Iraq cannot be so childishly labeled as "cut and run."

Paul brought his impassioned message of non-intervention — along with many other important ideas — to Nashville's War Memorial Auditorium last Saturday. Welcomed by a raucous crowd of 2,500 and a musical performance by country musician Rockie Lynn, Paul commanded the stage with a distinctly presidential authority. Nevertheless, Paul's voice revealed no hint of avarice or lust for power.

Central to Paul's message is the importance of real and uncensored personal liberties. His idea of liberty is not the corrupt and manufactured rhetoric coughed out by career politicians. He preached about limiting the size of federal government and localizing government to states and individuals. Paul asserted the way to provide maximum satisfaction to all individuals is to protect personal liberties. For this reason, Paul voted against the Patriot Act, increasing the powers of the executive branch and all tax raises. For this reason, Paul wants to protect the right to bear arms and decriminalize marijuana.

Paul discussed the struggling U.S. economy, the dollar's declining value and his desire to abolish the Internal Revenue Service. Paul stressed income tax as an unconstitutional means for the government to steal from the individual, joking he often sees himself as running against Woodrow Wilson (Wilson worked to establish the income tax in 1913). He views the income tax as a statement of ownership from the federal government: The government owns 100 percent of the individual's income and allows that individual to keep a certain percentage. He addressed the enormous \$9 trillion national debt, willing to face these issues instead of pretending they do not exist and promising decreased spending to special interest groups.

Paul vocalized the need to eliminate bureaucratic waste. He spoke against Homeland Security, which spends billions but has failed to secure U.S. borders and coastlines (something Paul will do in order to guarantee sovereignty and security). He spoke against the war on drugs, on which the federal government has spent \$15 billion this year alone.

Paul emphasized the importance of working to improve our own country's infrastructure before we spend the taxpayers' money developing another country. Instead of destroying and rebuilding bridges in Iraq, he said, we should secure our own bridges — alluding to the recent collapse in Minnesota. Thunderous applause with signs and flags waving followed each commanding assertion. It was enough to jar me

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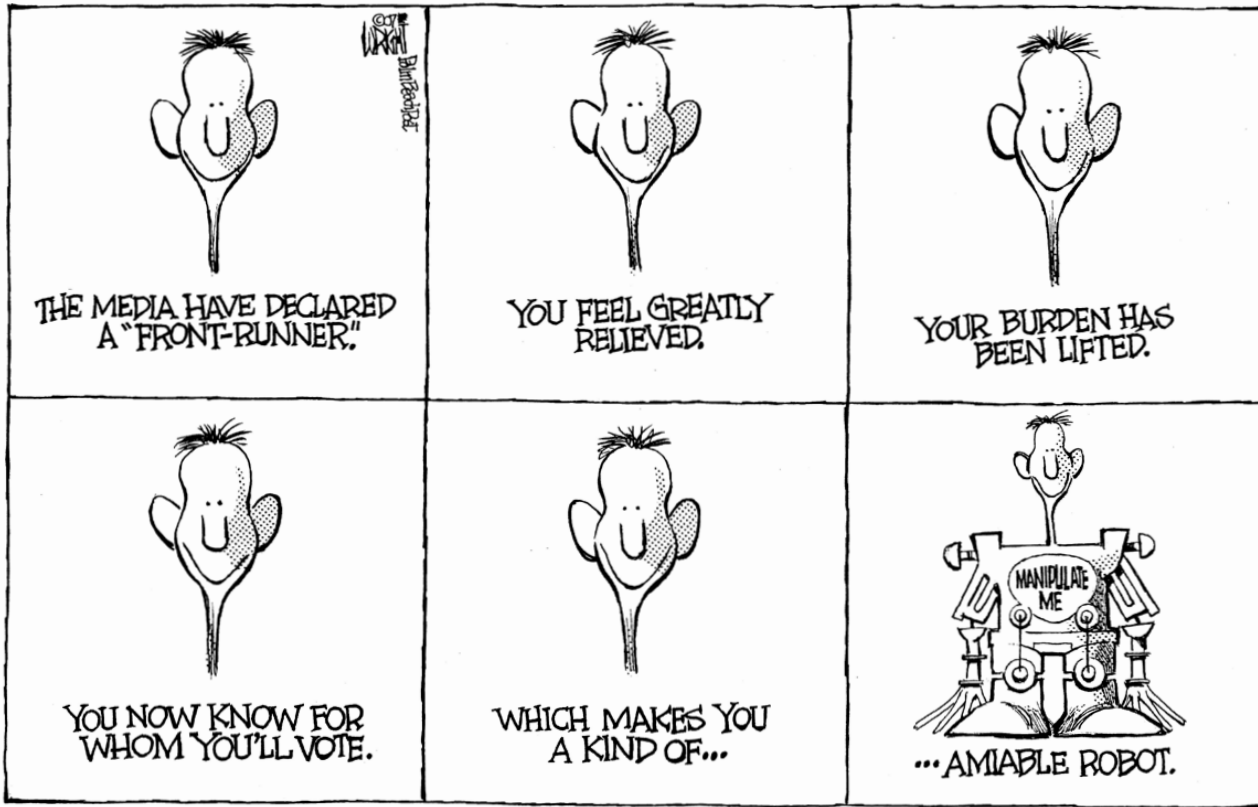
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COLUMN

University lacks political energy

LAUREN ZALUDA
Guest Columnist

Last March, when I had finally narrowed my collegiate options to two schools, my family and I made one final trip to Vanderbilt and Georgetown. Among a number of academic and social reasons to choose Vandy, I noticed an extreme difference in political atmosphere.

Georgetown's social and organizational scenes were largely fueled by politics and political allegiances. Although I was impressed with the resulting sense of passion, I was somewhat intimidated and unsure if I would fit in such an atmosphere.

What I didn't expect was that Vanderbilt would be the polar opposite. Unless I scour The Wall at Rand or search the organizations Web site, I feel completely removed from the nation's current political condition. Many people talk about the "Vanderbubble," and I'd say the lack of political activism represents the bubble at its best. If I chose to — and I believe many people do — I could remain completely ignorant to world events, and it would have no affect on my life as a student here.

"I think that at Vanderbilt, there are a lot of individual students that actually do care and, being in a top 20 school, are interested in the outside world. But there is a bubble that exists at school that causes a lack of organizational outlets and makes it difficult for students to express their beliefs effectively," said sophomore David Hecht.

I am concerned with this trend for

two important reasons. First of all, Vanderbilt has openly publicized its goal to become a more diverse campus for a couple of years now. Although this is often discussed in terms of racial, domestic and international diversity, I think Vanderbilt should strive to be a more diverse campus in all aspects of university life.

Vanderbilt is not the same Southern conservative school it was a mere four or five years ago. Students, professors and administrators should be working to make Vandy more diverse politically as well, to prove to the global academic community that we promote difference of opinion and challenge societal norms in constructive ways. Though controversial, I find it impressive that Columbia had Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad speak simply because it gives Columbia a sense of pride in challenging — or upholding, depending on personal opinion — American political ideals and giving people a radical opportunity to get excited about politics. Vanderbilt has yet to provide me with interesting opportunities to do so.

Here's the other reason I'm concerned with the lack of political activism at Vanderbilt. Regardless of whether or not I, or other students, support the ideals and agenda of the current president and government, election of the next president of the United States is crucial; the next president's politics will have the power to recreate our image in the eyes of the global community, which has become a necessity.

With the urgency of the upcoming

election and the repeated embarrassingly low percentages of young voters, I am incredulous as to how Vanderbilt can go on without providing more information, even if only about the current key issues. The lack of political energy sends a message that as one of the best universities in the country, we don't care if our students get involved in the real world. And that is a message I think we should be extremely frightened to send.

I do want to mention Vanderbilt blows away other schools in the community service department. Events such as Commodores in the Community, the community service fair and perpetual philanthropy events and fundraisers show Vanderbilt's social activism leaves little room for complaint. But social activism and political activism should be coexisting entities. Each strengthens the other by providing real-world insights.

Here's the bottom line. I don't need Republican groups, Democratic groups, independents or any other unique political organization to suddenly jumpstart major campaigns — although it wouldn't be so horrible. But I believe a university, especially one as prestigious and impressive as Vanderbilt, should help enlighten us and make us more well-rounded and better informed human beings in addition to the smart and mature students it is already working to create. I realize it is my own responsibility to seek out information and organizations, but I shouldn't have to look so hard.

—Lauren Zaluda is a freshman in the College of Arts and Science.

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COLUMN

Humanity could cause its own demise

MICHAEL MAIO
Columnist

Ever since Al Gore began raising awareness of global warming with his PowerPoint presentation and release of "An Inconvenient Truth," numerous dramatic predictions about the effects of climate change have permeated the public consciousness. Hurricanes will ravage the Eastern Seaboard with increasing intensity and frequency. Rising sea levels will wash away Shanghai, forcing the evacuation of millions.

Unfortunately, the current discussion of global warming is rarely placed in the context of an even more arresting prediction: If current environmental trends continue, half of the species on Earth — perhaps including humans — will go extinct by century's end.

OK, I know that sounds like scare mongering but stick with me for a moment.

The average lifespan of a species is about 100,000 years, so with an estimated 10 million species currently on Earth, we expect a certain number of species to wink out of existence each year. However, biologists widely believe the current extinction rate to be 100 times greater than the baseline rate, and eminent Harvard biologist Edward O. Wilson estimates a factor of 1,000 to 10,000. You could hardly be blamed if you didn't notice, but we appear to be living through the fastest of the six episodes of mass extinction that have taken place in the Earth's history. (Yes, incredibly, extinctions are taking place faster now than they did after an asteroid wiped out the dinosaurs.)

Unlike the five previous mass extinctions, this one is man-made. And as you may have inferred, global warming contributes significantly to current extinction episode. Biodiversity — that is,

the diversity of life in a particular region — is on the downswing across the world in part because of the industrialization and attendant rise in carbon dioxide emissions that have taken place in the last two centuries. The International Panel on Climate Change, the world's leading authority on global warming, wrote in a 2002 report, "Many of the Earth's species are already at risk of extinction due to pressures arising from natural processes and human activities. Climate change will add to these pressures especially for those with limited climatic ranges and/or restricted habitat requirements."

As the Earth grows hotter, species will gravitate toward the poles in search of cooler climates. Those unable to drift away from the equator fast enough — and there will be many — will face extinction.

However, other types of human activity, such as habitat destruction (for example, cutting down rainforests to create farmland) and the introduction of non-native species into different ecosystems, are more responsible for the extinctions than global warming.

For example, one of the most ignored aspects of the controversy surrounding the construction of a fence along the United States-Mexico border is the environmental impact the fence would have. Ecosystems cannot be sustained if they are internally divided, and many species' survival depends on maintaining their particular migration patterns. A border fence would fail the environment on both counts, possibly causing the extinction of endangered species such as the jaguarondi and the ocelot as they are cut off from the Rio Grande. Though it seems like a barren wasteland, the desert is actually a fragile and highly

diverse ecosystem, and small changes could radically alter it over time.

The biodiversity crisis isn't just some fringe theory. A 1998 nationwide survey by the American Museum of Natural History found 70 percent of biologists believe "we are in the midst of a mass extinction of living things, and that this loss of species will pose a major threat to human existence in the next century," according to a museum press release.

Reasons why the extinctions are a threat to humans should be self-evident, but experts believe averting the worst effects will require conservation projects on a scale far greater than anything ever undertaken. Simply creating and maintaining nature preserves circumscribed by developed land may not be good enough. Large ecosystems fragmented by man-made dividers like interstate highways will have to be reconnected to allow the free movement of life that is critical to preserving biodiversity.

All this suggests the question: Why is most of the public unaware of the "Sixth Extinction," and why aren't people panicking in the streets?

I don't purport to know the answer, but I have a few suggestions.

Perhaps most importantly, the idea that mass extinctions are taking place is so wildly at odds with our daily encounters with nature that it would deserve to be dismissed without a shred of evidence but for the niggling fact that it's true. Most of what's going on takes place outside our immediate observation and is therefore easy to take lightly or ignore. We don't see deer keeling over en masse and birds falling out of the sky — at least not yet. Biologists estimate they have discovered only about 10 percent of the Earth's species, perhaps less, so most of the life on this

planet is small and remains hidden to us.

A second explanation is that all other doomsayers throughout history predicting catastrophes that threaten the survival of humanity, from the Millerites to the Millennialists, have been proved wrong every single time; after all, we're still here. In the late 18th century, Thomas Malthus contended that overpopulation would eventually lead to large scale famine, a hypothesis famously resuscitated by Nobel laureate Paul Ehrlich in his 1968 book "The Population Bomb," which predicted Malthus' nightmare would unavoidably come to pass within a generation. As it turns out, many European countries now face the opposite problem of too-low birth rates. Then just a few years ago there was the fear the Y2K bug would cause consumer electronics to go haywire and eat our mothers.

Any extraordinary claims about threats to our survival as a species should elicit a healthy amount of skepticism, and the biodiversity crisis is no different. Biologists acknowledge that research involving extinction rates is hampered by the difficulty of making direct observations of the majority of life on this planet, and their estimates carry a high degree of uncertainty.

However, arguments about the precise magnitude of the extinction rate should not distract from the central truth human activity has drastically altered the environment in a way that threatens to dramatically change the nature of life on this planet. And when a majority of biologists tell us that the biodiversity crisis will wipe out half the species on Earth within a couple of generations, it's a sign that we should listen urgently.

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THE VERDICT

Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff!
Compiled by Reeve Hamilton

Marion Jones		Track star admits to doping prior to Olympic victories and hands over gold medals. She might get them back, though — on eBay.
Poor kids		Bush thinks the best way to prove financial conservatism is to deny kids health care. He's given up on "compassionate."
Chimps		Researchers found that chimps make more rational decisions than humans. Then, the researchers started a war in Iraq.
Radiohead		Says people can pay what they want for new album. Hopefully this foolproof way to make absolutely no money catches on.
Sting		Ranked worst lyricist by Blender magazine. Have they heard the Puff Daddy version of "Every Breath You Take?" That's awesome.
Lindsay Lohan		Hoping to inspire a generation of literal-minded girls, drug-addled starlet reveals that rehab was "a sobering experience."

HOPKINS: Paul could bring change to White House

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from my hangover-induced state of hypnosis.

For many Americans, most of them Democrats, the cure to America's ills — both foreign and domestic — may be Hillary Clinton. Those opposing the war should note that in a recent debate, Hillary refused to get all troops out of Iraq by 2013. If Clinton becomes president, one must question what has become of our supposed constitutional republic. America has featured a Bush or Clinton in office for 20 years — potentially 28 if Clinton wins. This political climate more closely resembles an oligarchy or aristocracy than anything democratic. To argue that Bushes and Clintons differ greatly due to their political denominations proves rather fallacious. Ultimately, both families have increased the size and scope of the federal government and led us into undeclared wars in the Balkans and the Middle East. These families represent two sides of the same coin — a coin quickly losing value under 20 years of fiscally liberal policies.

Paul is of a far more precious metal. Paul has never voted to raise taxes. He has never voted to raise congressional pay. He has never taken a paid junket, and he manages to return a portion of his budget every year. He is the only presidential candidate with a fiscally sound approach to governing the American people. He is the only true public servant running for president.

If you did not have the opportunity to see Paul speak in Nashville this past Saturday, research his stances on YouTube or Facebook. Even the most politically apathetic individual may find his message resonant.

—James Hopkins is a junior in the College of Arts and Science.

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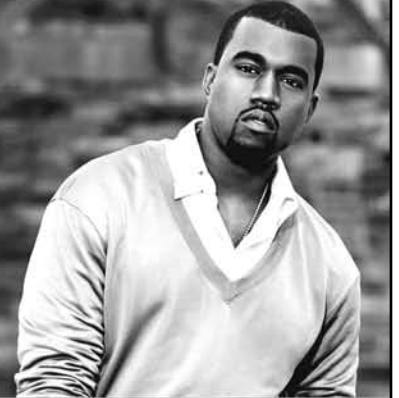
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SPORTS

South Carolina will take SEC East title

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COURTESY OF SOUTH CAROLINA ATHLETICS

Quarterback Chris Smelley is one of the main reasons why coach Steve Spurrier's Gamecocks are the team to beat.

by SAM SABULIS
Sports Reporter

If you want to know which team will meet LSU in Atlanta for the Southeastern Conference Championship, look no further than the top of today's SEC East standings. There, in an all-too-familiar position, sits Steve Spurrier and his seventh-ranked South Carolina Gamecocks.

Before the season, the Ol' Ball Coach told anyone who'd listen his team was finally ready to challenge Georgia Dome regulars Florida, Tennessee and Georgia for SEC East supremacy. Last Thursday, in a rout of Cinderella du jour Kentucky, the Gamecocks demonstrated their coach wasn't blowing smoke.

The lone blemish on an otherwise sterling 5-1 record came on a rain-drenched afternoon in Baton Rouge, where the LSU defense made life miserable for senior quarterback Blake Mitchell and the rest of the Gamecocks.

After the 12-point loss to the Tigers, the flighty Mitchell was supplanted by redshirt freshman Chris Smelley. The youngster has since led South Carolina to a pair of 38-point efforts in wins over Mississippi State and Kentucky, racking up 535 passing yards and four touchdowns to just one interception in those two games.

Though it features the SEC's most underrated running back tandem in Corey Boyd and Mike Davis and a premier deep threat in Kenny McKinley, the Gamecock offense won't remind you of the "Fun 'n Gun" just yet.

But with the talented defense South Carolina boasts, Smelley doesn't have to be Danny Wuerffel. Even after losing All-SEC linebacker Jasper Brinkley for the season against LSU, the Gamecocks stifled a Kentucky offense that had averaged over 46 points per game and effectively ended any Heisman hopes for Wildcat quarterback Andre Woodson. The nation's top-ranked passing defense forced Woodson into three turnovers, including two fumbles that were returned for touchdowns.

Doubters of South Carolina offer plenty of reasons why Spurrier's bunch won't win the East. The Gamecocks are a relatively young team led by a freshman quarterback. At times they've been plagued by glaring mistakes — just look at the Kentucky game. On South Carolina's first drive, after a 49-yard would-be touchdown pass to Wesley Saunders, the freshman tight end fumbled the ball into the end zone for a turnover.

The Gamecocks are inexperienced, but they have as many playmakers as any SEC team outside of Louisiana. They are led by the best coach in college football, and they've got tune-up games at North Carolina and at home against Vanderbilt before a three-game stretch that will decide their season.

The climax, a clash with Florida, takes place in Columbia, where the Gamecocks beat the Gators two years ago. Sure, Spurrier's boys haven't yet played a mistake-free game, but after watching them thump Kentucky, woe to the team that faces the Gamecocks when they do.

It says here that day will be Nov. 10 when they win over Florida and punch a ticket to Atlanta. ■



COURTESY OF FLORIDA ATHLETICS

While quarterback Tim Tebow and the Gators have two losses, don't be surprised to see them run the table.

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Reporter

No. 1 Louisiana State University has the Southeastern Conference West practically locked up. The question is: Who will win the competitive SEC East and have the right to face the Tigers for the all-important league championship?

It's going to be the team that has fallen in two straight close losses and tumbled in the rankings. Yes, it's going to be the Florida Gators.

Why? Quarterback Tim Tebow can move the football with his feet and his arm and make life miserable for opposing defenses. The Gators lead the East in rushing defense.

They effectively contained LSU's passing game in their close 28-24 loss, showing marked improvement in a secondary that had been a weak point all season. Most importantly, they are better than the South Carolina Gamecocks, currently the team to beat.

A big difference between the teams has been their rush defense. The ability to stop the run is crucial to victory in college football, and the Gamecocks have been remarkably porous in that department.

While the Gators are allowing just 94 yards per game on the ground, the Gamecocks are being shredded for a football field more at nearly 194 yards per contest. In a 28-16 loss to LSU that was much more lopsided than the score indicated, the Tigers rushed for an astounding 290 yards. That kind of defensive ineptitude doesn't bode well for the Gamecocks when they face the powerful Gators offense Nov. 10.

Florida is unified on offense under Tebow and the dual threat he poses as a runner and passer. The South Carolina offense has been solid, but not on Florida's level. A recent switch was made at the quarterback position when inconsistent play by senior Blake Mitchell paved the way for freshman Chris Smelley, who has been quite impressive starting thus far, notching two straight wins. But he's still young.

There is something to be said for maturity at the quarterback position, and Tebow is older and more experienced. He's got a national championship under his belt. He knows what it takes to win.

Up next for the Gators are Kentucky, Georgia and Vanderbilt, three teams they perennially dominate and should beat this year. And then look to see the Gators run wild over the Gamecocks en route to the SEC East title.

Moreover, Florida coach Urban Meyer possesses the more confident attitude compared with South Carolina's Steve Spurrier.

"It's way too early for that," Spurrier said when asked about the SEC East race, despite his decisive win over Kentucky.

Meyer sounded a little surer of his team in his post-game interview.

"I guarantee we'll be back," Meyer said after the tough loss to LSU. "The Florida Gators will be back."

I'm inclined to believe the defending national champion. ■

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LSU's Miles deserves credit

by JARRED AMATO
Sports Editor

If Louisiana State goes on to win the national title, it will look back at one play late in the fourth quarter of last Saturday's battle with Florida as the defining moment.

The Tigers were down by three late in the fourth quarter, facing a fourth-and-one from the Florida 6-yard line. Most coaches would have sent out the field-goal unit and prepared for overtime without thinking twice. Les Miles wasn't one of them.

Running back Jacob Hester took the handoff and rushed up the middle. The chains came out, and he had gotten just enough.

Three plays later, Hester plowed through for a two-yard touchdown, and the Tigers were ahead for good, 28-24.

Hester finished the night with 106 rushing yards, including 77 in the second half, en route to earning Southeastern Conference Offensive Player of the Week honors.

On another note, how much fun would it be to play in Tiger Stadium? The crowd was absolutely electric, especially when it was announced that Stanford had just upset Southern California.

That said, Florida deserves a ton of credit for not simply hanging with the Tigers but actually outplaying them for large portions of the contest.

The Gators were fearless, running right at the vaunted LSU front four, and if not for two second-half turnovers and a few gutsy calls by Miles, they could have been in good position to defend their title.

VOLS ARE BACK: There is just no way to figure out the SEC East. Just when you thought you could count out the Vols, they come out and smack Georgia, 35-14.

Despite early losses to California and Florida, Tennessee (3-2, 1-1 SEC) certainly remains in contention for the SEC East title. Georgia, meanwhile, will arrive in Nashville this weekend in a bad mood. In addition to the lopsided loss to the Vols, the Bulldogs haven't forgotten about Vanderbilt's upset victory in Athens a year ago.

SPURRIER MAKES STATEMENT: South Carolina coach Steve Spurrier said this was the year his team could finally compete for the SEC East title. Looks like he was right.

The Gamecocks frustrated quarterback Andre Woodson and the rest of the Wildcats last Thursday, winning 38-23 to improve to 3-1 in the SEC, 5-1 overall. Offensively, South Carolina quarterback Chris Smelley looked impressive in just his second career start, completing 17 of 30 for 256 yards and two touchdowns.

Spurrier's make-or-break game will be Nov. 10 when the Florida Gators come to Columbia.

DID YOU KNOW? Vanderbilt is last with a net punting average of 30.6. ... Arkansas leads the SEC with a whopping 338.4 rushing yards per game, more than 100 yards more than the second-best team (LSU). Darren McFadden and Felix Jones are Nos. 1 and 2 in the league in rushing. ... Vanderbilt ranks 11th in total offense with 324.6 yards per game. Only Mississippi State is worse. ... LSU is a perfect six-for-six on fourth-down conversions this season. ... Georgia is an impressive 20-for-21 in the red zone with 16 touchdowns. ■

Bennett moves closer



With today being Oct. 10 (10/10), it is only fitting to honor Vanderbilt's best No. 10, Earl Bennett. The junior wide receiver needs just seven catches to become the Southeastern Conference's all-time record holder.

Vandy seeks to bounce back

by **ANDREW HARD**
Sports Reporter

Junior Chris Nickson may not be the starting quarterback when Vanderbilt takes the field this Saturday, looking to win its second straight game over Georgia. That particular decision will be made in practice over the course of this week.

However, don't think anyone in the Commodore locker room or on the coaching staff has given up on their primary signal-caller from the past year and a half.

"We're not throwing Chris in the back of the bus or anything like that," said coach Bobby Johnson. "He's a talented guy, and we've got a lot of football to play. Chris Nickson has played wonderfully at quarterback for us before, and he will do it again."

From the players' standpoint, no one feels comfortable seeing their leader struggle at this point in the season.

"You have to be supportive of your teammates no matter what happens," said center Hamilton Holliday. "People make mistakes, and it's what kind of character you have that will come through when you rebound."

From a style standpoint, Nickson and sophomore Mackenzi Adams bring almost identical skill sets to the table. As far as gameplanning goes, offensive coordinator Ted Cain does not have to create different packages depending on what quarterback gets the nod.

"I think they're a lot alike... If somebody's not right on par with what they usually are, you don't really have to change your game plan," Johnson said. "If you're switching between a mobile quarterback and one who (sits in the pocket), it's tough to make things consistent."

By the same token, the



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Senior Cassen Jackson-Garrison and the rest of the Commodores look to get on track Saturday against Georgia.

decision on which quarterback to start becomes that much tougher. Therefore, the decision ultimately lies in who executes the game plan better in practice.

"It's probably going to be based on a grasp of the game plan and who executes," Johnson said. "I can sometimes hit a golf ball pretty straight, but most of the time I can't execute."

If Nickson keeps it in the fairway during this week's practice, he'll get the nod on Homecoming Saturday.

BACK TO BASICS: After two consecutive stellar performances, Vanderbilt's defense looked like "Dore mats" once again in Auburn. After getting behind early, the Commodores started missing tackles and leaving receivers open in space.

The defense tried to make plays outside the scheme in an effort to create turnovers,

Johnson said. Failure to do so led to some missed tackles and Auburn's longer gains.

"On defense, we started freelancing and doing things that weren't within the scheme," Johnson said. "Someone has to secure the tackle, and then someone else can come in there and strip the ball."

How can the coaches address that with the players?

"You tell them, 'Don't do that anymore.' But it's a matter of putting them in tough situations in practice, putting them in worst-case scenarios, see how they react," Johnson said.

Georgia will be without its star running back, Thomas Brown, due to injury. Senior Kregg Lumpkin figures to return to the lineup to augment the rushing attack brought by freshman Knowshon Moreno.

BENNETT ON VERGE OF HISTORY: With seven catches this week, for a total of 209 in his













career, Earl Bennett will break the Southeastern Conference record for receptions, currently held by former Kentucky standout Craig Yeast. Bennett also stands in third place on the career yardage list, 443 behind the leader. Bennett is aware of his assault on history, but his focus on the field lies elsewhere.

"Some of (my teammates) keep me posted," Bennett said. "It's kind of funny right now; I don't really think about it too much. I just go out and play hard."

Still, it must be nice to be mentioned in the same company with former NFL greats like Sterling Sharpe?

"Yeah, I'm just excited to be mentioned among those great names," he said. "Those are people who excelled at this level and at the next level, so hopefully I can continue to excel." ■

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Will Gibbons

	1. LSU 6-0 (3-0 SEC) The passing game was off a bit, and the Tigers probably need wideout Early Doucet back for the stretch run, but Saturday's 28-24 win over Florida sealed them as the No. 1 team in the country.
	2. South Carolina 5-1 (3-1) The Gamecocks are in the East race to stay. Benching quarterback Blake Mitchell sure seems to be the correct call.
	3. Florida 4-2 (2-2) One clutch stop from taking down LSU. The Gators looked good and should stay in what's become a wide open East race.
	4. Kentucky 5-1 (1-1) How do you get over an ugly loss to South Carolina and get your star back into the Heisman race? Upset LSU at home. Don't bet on it, but don't count it entirely out.
	5. Tennessee 3-2 (1-1) The local paper in Knoxville questioned the Vols' attitude Saturday morning. The Vols played with a chip on their shoulders in trouncing Georgia that afternoon.
	6. Auburn 4-2 (2-1) Brad Lester has added depth to the backfield, and Brandon Cox looks much more comfortable under center than he did early on.
	7. Georgia 4-2 (2-2) Mark Richt said his team was inconsistent because it lacked maturity. We have no reason to disagree.
	8. Alabama 4-2 (2-1) "All we have to do is lose one more game and you guys all got me set up here, and then you can kill me," coach Nick Saban said about the "unrealistic" expectations for John Parker Wilson and his team.
	9. Arkansas 3-2 (0-2) The Razorbacks took a sabbatical in beating North Texas and Chattanooga, but they're back this week for Auburn.
	10. Mississippi State 4-2 (1-2) Can quarterback Wesley Carroll (9-12, 93 yards last week) step up if Tennessee stops the run like they did against Georgia?
	11. Vanderbilt 3-2 (1-2) The Georgia game will say a lot about the character of the Commodores.
	12. Ole Miss 2-4 (0-3) 232 yards of total offense on Louisiana Tech, simply put, is nothing to write home about.

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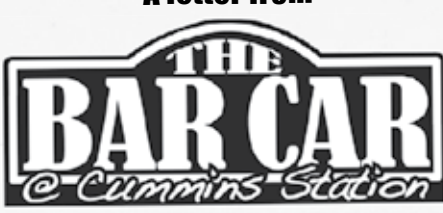


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- ACROSS**
 1 Mint, as money
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 17 College sports org.
 18 Bracket shapes
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 20 Finished before
 22 Sort of threat
 23 Before, formerly
 24 Hog haven
 25 ___culottes
 26 Hit the slopes
 27 Partner in crime, perhaps
 31 Brought to you (by)
 35 Writer Zola
 36 Place of great activity
 37 More modern
 39 Icelandic literary work
 40 First-stringers
 42 Enduring
 44 Put up for sale
 46 Prize money
 47 Silver screen star
 48 Existed
 49 NRC forerunner
 52 All the rage
 55 Of the Far East
 57 Painter's tripod
 58 Begin moving
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 62 Panorama
 63 Yertle the Turtle's creator
 64 Pre-owned
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- 8 Switch positions
 9 Methodological discipline
 10 Crime partner?
 11 & others: Lat.
 12 Square of three
 13 Landowner's paper
 21 Queries
 22 Moving vehicle
 25 Passover feast
 26 Conman's trait
 27 Felled
 28 The South of France
 29 "Paper Lion" star
 30 Oscar winner Patricia
 31 Counterfeit
 32 Gyro bread
 33 At an end
 34 Drive back
 38 Fixed
 41 Interferes
 43 Rocket cap
- 45 Diminutive dog
 48 Scribble
 49 Open courtyards
 50 Type of beaver?
 51 Bozo
 52 Driving gadgets
- 53 Very unusual
 54 Jacob's twin
 55 "Miss ___ Regrets"
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