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Come rain or shine



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First-year students Hannah Chapman and Alexa Kinowski chat outside of Alpha Delta Pi sorority while waiting for the next round during sorority rush on Monday afternoon.

Torrey says Commons experience hasn't hurt Panhellenic recruitment.

by SYDNEY WILMER
Editor in Chief

Despite the odds — rain and a very long walk — 522 Vanderbilt women came out for Panhellenic recruitment Monday morning, which is a jump in participation from last year, Director of Greek Life Kristen Torrey said. So at first look, it seems The Commons experience has not had a negative impact on the process, she added.

"Numbers are down this year a smidge but percentage-wise they are up," Torrey said.

Though students in the Greek community have feared the new housing arrangement for the past few years, saying it might decrease Greek involvement, Torrey confidently said, "it hasn't had much of an impact one way or the other, based on what I have seen."

Several first-year students agreed, saying the distance had no impact on their decision to participate in the recruitment process.

"I knew I wanted to rush before I came to campus," said first-year student Kate Kerbel. "I didn't feel any pressure, but I knew I wanted to do it."

Others, though, think the experience did have an impact.

"I've always wanted to rush,

but being over (on Peabody Campus) made me — even more — want to be a part of things," first-year student Allie Semler said. "You have classes with upperclassmen, but it is harder to get to know them. I knew through this process I would (get to know them better)."

Semler is not alone with this sentiment. First-year student Elizabeth Adler went so far as to say the experience was the primary factor in her decision.

"To be honest, I feel like we were more likely to rush because we weren't as big a part of campus life," said Adler. "I hadn't intended on rushing, but the distance made me feel like I needed to."

Of 565 women registered

to begin the process, 522 participated in Display Round. Last year 600 women registered and 547 participated.

To accommodate students making the 20-minute walk to Greek Row the Office of Greek life set up a lounge in the Student Life Center where recruitment participants could pass the time between rounds. In addition to providing couches, the room broadcasted episodes of "The Office."

First-year student Brittany Cowfer spent part of Tuesday afternoon in the lounge during Philanthropy Round.

"This has been a nice place to spend some time while we have waited for the parties to start, especially since it is raining," said Cowfer. ■

While we were gone



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You may have been asleep for the last two weeks, but Vanderbilt was not. Let the Hustler help with the transition back to campus. Get caught up on all that happened during the break — and in half a page.

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Editor's note

Dear Readers,

My name is Sydney Wilmer and I am thrilled and honored to be the newest Editor-in-Chief of The Vanderbilt Hustler and InsideVandy.com. So you know what is coming, I thought I would tell you about the staff's plans and a few changes here at the Hustler.



WILMER

For the most part, expect more of the same — strong reporting, campus coverage and frequently updated online content. My goal, first and foremost, is to build on and maintain the quality our staffers have worked so hard to achieve in the past. But a change in our production schedule will allow for some exciting new features, including a stronger online effort. Unlike previous semesters, expect two physical publications a week, one on Monday and one Friday.

I will go ahead and field the first question: There will still be three crosswords and sudoku puzzles a week. To our great relief, Versus, which will run as a stand alone publication every Wednesday, has agreed to include games on the back of each issue. And for convenience, the puzzles will return to the back page of each edition of the Hustler.

As the semester picks up momentum, the staff and I hope to produce a longer publication, more in-depth and feature reporting and, most importantly, more elaborate multimedia packages on Wednesdays for InsideVandy.com. As has been the case for the past few years, you can always turn to InsideVandy.com for daily updates. With fewer publications, though, we hope to be more thorough in this effort.

Sincerely,
Sydney Wilmer

COLUMN

Commodores leave lasting legacy

MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Columnist

As the Commodore football program moves past its first bowl victory since 1955, it is important to look back at the legacy they will leave behind. These Commodores provided a series of brilliant performances culminating in their 16-14 triumph over Boston College in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl on New Year's Eve.

To paraphrase the late Vanderbilt alumnus Grantland Rice:

Outlined against a grey December sky, the Four Horsemen rode again. In dramatic lore they are known as famine, pestilence, destruction and death. These are only aliases. Their real names are: Johnson, Cutler, Williams and Moore. They formed the crest of the Nashville cyclone that swept over another team near the Vanderbilt Stadium as 40,000 spectators peered down upon the bewildering panorama spread

out upon the green plain below.

In Vanderbilt's history, the football team's best four-year record came from 1972-75, when the team amassed 22 victories under head coaches Bill Pace, Steve Sloan and Fred Pancoast.

However, nine of those victories came against Football Championship Subdivision (formerly known as Division I-AA) teams in Virginia Military Institute, William and Mary, UT-Chattanooga and Tampa (which no longer fields a football team). At the same time, the Commodores only amassed six victories over Southeastern Conference opponents.

During coach Bobby Johnson's tenure, Vanderbilt's success has reached new heights on the gridiron. From the 2005 to 2008 seasons, the Commodores have



For a slideshow of Vanderbilt's first bowl win in 53 years, go to www.INSIDEVANDY.COM

notched 21 victories, only two of which came against FCS opponents.

Johnson has also led his team to 10 victories over SEC opponents, which happens to be the same number of conference victories Vanderbilt had achieved on the field over the 10 years prior to his arrival.

Johnson has also been instrumental in developing National Football League caliber players, as evidenced by the increase in Commodore players getting opportunities in the professional ranks. In the period from 1972-75, the Commodores had six players selected in the NFL draft (which at the time lasted for 17 rounds), with the highest being a fourth-round pick.

But in the last three years, the team has had six players taken in drafts that have been reduced to seven-round affairs, with two of them — Jay Cutler and Chris Williams — being taken in the first round.

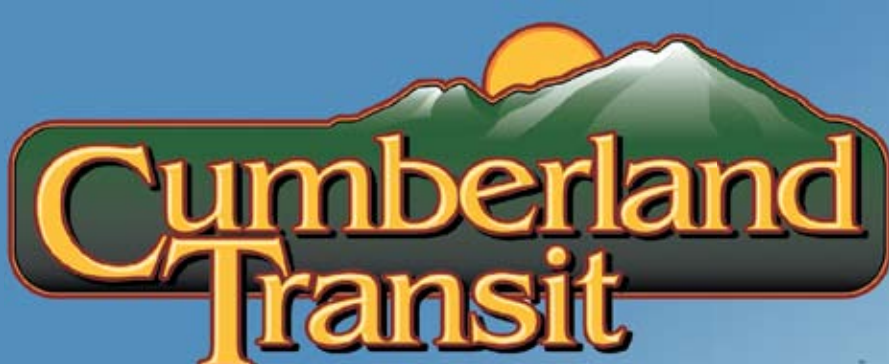
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Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson, left, looks on as team captains Reshard Langford, George Smith and Brad Vierling hoist the Music City Bowl trophy after defeating Boston College, 16-14. Vanderbilt earned its first bowl win since 1955 and won seven games for the first time since 1982.

ADMINISTRATION: Former vice chancellor and CFO Brisky announces retirement from Vanderbilt. [SEE PAGE 3](#)



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NEWS BRIEFS

Gaza truce proposed by foreign officials after Israeli shell kills 30

GAZA CITY, Gaza (AP)—France and Egypt announced an initiative to stop the fighting in Gaza late Tuesday, hours after Israeli mortar shells exploded near a U.N. school sheltering hundreds of people displaced by the onslaught on Hamas militants. At least 30 Palestinians died, staining streets with blood.

French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner released no details of the cease-fire plan, saying at the U.N. Security Council that the presidents of his country and Egypt were awaiting a response from Israel.

Israeli officials in Jerusalem declined immediate comment on the announcement, which came amid diplomatic efforts by the U.S. and other nations to resolve a conflict between Israel and the Islamic militants of Hamas that has seen 600 people killed in 11 days.

Despite optimistic predictions, Burris rejected; Senate bid wins support

WASHINGTON (AP)—Roland Burris failed to capture President-elect Barack Obama's old Senate seat Tuesday in a wild piece of political theater, but the Democrats' opposition cracked when a key chairwoman said seating him was simply the legal thing to do.

Democratic leaders, set to meet with Burris on Wednesday, were searching for a way to defuse the dispute before it further overshadows the 111th Congress. Knowledgeable officials of both parties who spoke on condition of anonymity widely predicted that the saga would end with Burris being seated.

That seemed more likely late Tuesday, when Sen. Dianne Feinstein rejected the reasoning that all of the chamber's Democrats, herself included, had cited in a letter last week — that corruption charges against Burris' patron, Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, tainted his appointment.

New Congress opens with cooperative pledging to rescue economy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The Capitol rang loud with vows to fix the crisis-ridden economy Tuesday as Congress opened for business at the dawn of a new Democratic era. "We need action and we need action now," said Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

Republicans agreed, and pledged cooperation in Congress as well as with President-elect Barack Obama — to a point.

On a day largely devoted to ceremony, new members of Congress and those newly re-elected swore to defend the Constitution. The Senate galleries were crowded; children and grandchildren of lawmakers squirmed in their seats in the House chamber as the winners in last fall's elections claimed their prizes.

One office-seeker was not among them.

Coleman sues over Minnesota Senate recount and election of Franken

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Republican Norm Coleman filed a lawsuit Tuesday challenging Democrat Al Franken's apparent recount victory in Minnesota's U.S. Senate race, delaying a resolution of the contest for weeks or months.

At a Capitol news conference filled with cheering supporters, Coleman said he won't accept a board's determination a day earlier that Franken captured 225 more votes in the November election. He had a seven-day window to file the lawsuit.

"We are filing this contest to make absolutely sure every valid vote was counted and no one's was counted more than anyone else's," Coleman said.

Coleman shrugged off the idea that he might concede the election to avoid a protracted fight that could leave Minnesota with only a single senator in Washington for months.

Bush adviser says Iran will be Obama's biggest challenge

WASHINGTON (AP)—President George W. Bush's national security adviser said Tuesday that Iran is the biggest challenge President-elect Barack Obama will face in the Middle East and that more sanctions will be needed to force Tehran to forgo its nuclear ambitions and support for extremists.

Outside the Mideast, the next administration's top priority should be stabilizing an increasingly volatile Pakistan, Stephen Hadley said.

In a nearly hour-long interview with The Associated Press, Hadley said the Bush White House has been trying to "shore up and store up leverage" on Iran to bequeath to the Obama administration. Obama's challenge, he said, will be to use those sanctions to force Iran to change its behavior.

Grand Canyon, Mount Everest, Loch Ness compete as nature wonders

GENEVA (AP)—The Grand Canyon, Mount Everest and Loch Ness will vie with more than 200 other spectacular places in the next phase of the global competition for the New 7 Wonders of Nature, organizers said Wednesday.

The 261 nominees from 222 countries include some of the most famous mountain peaks, lakes, and other attractions, such as the Great Barrier Reef and Niagara Falls.

Over a billion people are expected to join in Internet voting that will nominate 77 semifinalists for the top natural wonders, which will share in the glory already enjoyed by the seven man-made wonders chosen 18 months ago.

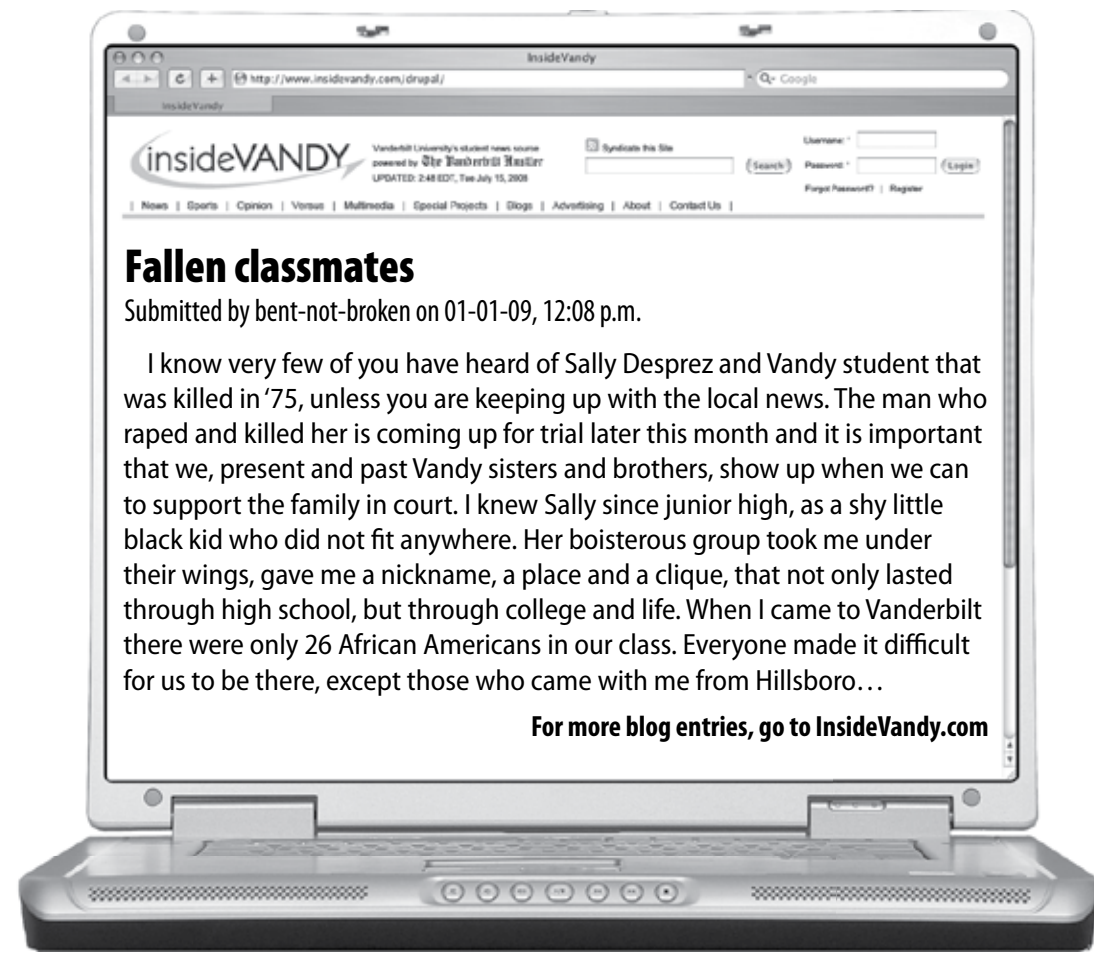
Swayze bravely faces cancer while starring in a new TV series

NEW YORK (AP)—Patrick Swayze says his yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer put him "through hell" while he pushed ahead on his new TV series.

"I've never been one to run from a challenge," Swayze tells ABC's Barbara Walters in an exclusive interview.

Swayze's new A&E police drama, "The Beast," which premieres next week, meant grueling 12-hour workdays, with chemotherapy sessions on the weekends. He rejected painkilling drugs that would have taken the edge off his performance. In five months, he missed just a day and a half at work.

FROM THE BLOG



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SNAPSHOT

RECRUITMENT RELAXATION



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First-years Emily Gootee, Hali Hill, Allie Voss and Stephanie Schmidt talk in the Board of Trust room during recruitment on Monday.

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While we were gone

Three weeks is not a long time, but a lot can happen nonetheless. To get students up to speed, we have a list of everything you may have missed while you were away.

compiled by EVE ATTERMANN

Monroe Carrell Jr. Children's Hospital ranked 15th best

The listing, which will appear in the February issue of Parents Magazine, was the third national accolade earned by the hospital this year, according to the Vanderbilt News Service. The rankings were based on a 240-question survey of the hospital's performance, taking into account survival rates, staff qualifications, patient safety efforts, research and the number of complex procedures performed.



MONROE CARRELL JR. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Conjoined twins await surgery at Medical Center



JOHNSON CITY MEDICAL CENTER / AP Photo

Conjoined twins were born about 10 weeks early at the Johnson City Medical Center and are in stable condition, according to Children's Hospital spokeswoman Laurie Holloway. The twins, Zoey Marie and Keylee Ann Miller, will have surgery for separation in about three to five months.

Students mourn the loss of junior Richard Meredith



MEREDITH

Richard Meredith, who died the week of Dec. 22 in an automobile accident, was a recent transfer from the University of St. Andrews in Scotland to the College of Arts and Science. A university-planned memorial service will be held later this month.

NFL Grant will help to further sports medicine research

National Football League charities awarded \$1.5 million in grants to support sports medicine research at Vanderbilt and 15 other organizations, according to a Vanderbilt University Medical Center publication. The grants are intended to help further research for sports-related medical issues such as ACL prevention and repair, joint stability and biomechanics, cardiovascular risk factors, cartilage repair, bone grafting and mild traumatic brain injury research.



Professor leads dopamine study

Associate Professor of Psychology David Zald's research has found that risk takers and impulsive people have trouble controlling themselves due to the way their brains process dopamine, according to the Vanderbilt News Service. Labeled "novelty seekers" by psychologists, these people have less of a particular type of dopamine receptor, leading them to seek out exciting experiences. The research was published in the Dec. 31 issue of *The Journal of Neuroscience*.



ZALD

Blair School of Music announced new endowed chair

Professor of Violin Cornelia Heard has been named holder of the newly created Valerie Blair Potter Chair. In addition to teaching, Heard is a violinist for the Blair String Quartet, and has performed as a soloist in several different symphonies. The chair was endowed by the grandchildren of Valerie Blair Potter, the founder of the preparatory school that became the Blair School of Music in 1981.



HEARD

Brisky retires as vice chancellor, CFO

After 20 years, administrator decides to start 'next life's chapter'

Vanderbilt News Service

Lauren Brisky, who has overseen the financial and administrative operations of the university for the past decade, announced Dec. 26 she will retire on Feb. 1 after 20 years at Vanderbilt.

In a letter to university colleagues, Brisky, vice chancellor for administration and chief financial officer, said, "This is a bittersweet moment for me in my life, but the timing is right for me to begin my next life's chapter."

During her tenure, Brisky has overseen Vanderbilt's \$3.1 billion operating budget and its net assets of \$5 billion. In addition to the institution's financial management, Brisky oversees a division of more than 1,500 people and an operating budget of \$190 million that is responsible for the university's administrative infrastructure, including facilities and construction, human resources, information technology and a wide array of business operations.

Brisky's responsibilities will be assumed

by two members of her executive team. Betty Price, deputy vice chancellor for finance and controller, will serve as acting vice chancellor for finance and chief financial officer. Jerry Fife, associate vice chancellor for business services and research finance, will serve as acting vice chancellor for administration.



BRISKY

health care, our financial strength and our spectacular campus beauty — Lauren's tireless and creative work is evident."

When Brisky was named vice chancellor for administration at Vanderbilt in 1999, she became the highest-ranking woman in the university's history. She became Vanderbilt's chief financial officer in 2000. Brisky, who has spent her entire career in university administration, joined Vanderbilt in 1988 after holding positions at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, Cornell University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Brisky's leadership is credited with helping the university establish and maintain the financial foundation, facilities, personnel and other resources for a wide variety of projects and programs, including The Commons, a first-year living and learning campus that opened in fall 2008; a research enterprise that has grown dramatically; a campus that has repeatedly been recognized as one of the most beautiful and well-maintained and a division that has among the longest tenured employees at the university.

In announcing that Price and Fife would assume Brisky's responsibilities, Zeppos said, "Perhaps Lauren's greatest achievement was to build a remarkably strong and collegial leadership team. She has prepared her team well for all challenges, including her retirement." ■

"The university is in great hands with my very talented and dedicated staff who have given me far more than I have ever given them."

—Lauren Brisky

"The university is in great hands with my very talented and dedicated staff who have given me far more than I have ever given them," Brisky said.

Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos called Brisky "a visionary leader, a brilliant manager and a prudent steward of our great university. Lauren's contributions to Vanderbilt's success and strength are too many to be detailed. Yet, everywhere one looks — our new Commons, the extraordinary growth in our research and




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It's time to man up, Vanderbilt



KATHERINE MILLER
Columnist

So, every girl at Vanderbilt laments this at some point, praying steadfastly that this is just a Vanderbilt thing and not a modern America thing, but it still remains true: Too many Vandy guys are girls. Y'all have shown potential and we love that you're intelligent, but it's time to man up.

Last year, my roommate, a few of our friends and I made a list of things real men do not do. It's time to dust it off for 2009.

Let's start slow: No salads and no diet soda. Again, you're not a girl, stop eating like one. While eating, remember: You probably shouldn't be able to identify and compliment a girl with, "Nice Vineyard Vines bag." This has happened. I was there.

Real guys don't wear loafers or driving shoes. For \$15 more, you can get the whole shoe.

And while the occasional pink or yellow dress shirt draws the eye of a lady or two, we're grading on a curve here, and when a dozen guys stroll in like a box of Easter marshmallow Peeps, it's a lot of look.

Unless you're in black tie attire, no scarves — and really, even then, only if you're holding a cigar and some scotch and it's cold enough to cut a hole in some ice and pull a fish out.

And for the love of God, desist with the wearing of pants with tiny, tiny embroidered lobsters and ducks on them. Those are for the adorable tiny, tiny children in the J. Crew catalogue — not any guy who has a driver's license.

Do you have bangs? You probably shouldn't. If you can swing or flip your hair around, it's probably too long. Tip of the hat to those who forsake the razor on occasion; playoff beards and ironic mustaches will always be touchstones of the college experience, so long as you avoid the horrifying wispy Shia LaBeouf facial hair.

You should know more about sports than, well, me. And golf and tennis don't count. I should not be explaining to you what a 3-4 defense is. Core knowledge of football (pro and college), NCAA basketball and Major League Baseball required; at least passing knowledge of the NBA and NHL. Don't fake it either. If, like, the Brawny paper towel man quizzed you tomorrow, you should know who and what these are: the Willis Reed Game, Pedro Feliz, "We want the ball and we're gonna score," and who led the Atlanta Braves to glory in the 1990s.

Real guys hunt and fish. Over break, I went grouper and snapper fishing offshore in the Gulf with my cousins; they wore camouflage pants, bled the fish and talked Southeastern Conference football. I know that's popping and locking somewhere at Vanderbilt, but many of the gentlemen of Vandy could use an infusion. You know, mix a little rap and country into that indie music, Buddy Holly glasses bubble.

By the way, fighting is hot. Don't forget that.

And yes, I realize all this is all wildly bitchy. But as my brother told me earlier, sometimes the truth has to be delivered. I'm just the mailman, delivering the mail.

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EDITORIAL

A new day, a new year and a Music City Bowl trophy

So after a long hiatus filled with bacchanalian revel, the march of the penguins commences and the rest of us return to campus to begin anew. I, like many others, admittedly feel a slight twinge of apprehension. Of course, I get to see my friends and acquaintances again, but this comes hand-in-hand with classes and the simultaneous avalanche of course work. This is, however, what I have come to expect from attending Vanderbilt.

What I haven't come to expect is a successful football team. I think most people were shocked we made it to a bowl — maybe not at the end, but it was unthinkable at the beginning of the season. On the strength of the defense and special teams, the Commodores eked out a 16-14 win over Boston College. This being the first bowl win in 53 years, it seems like it's important enough to note.

I think we all felt a communal sigh of relief. It would have been a shame if we went 5-0 just to

lose the rest of the games. I doubt anyone would take that well. Fortunately it turned out well, but it was close. With that victory behind us, people have already begun to relax.

However, the most important part of the year is not already over, there's plenty left to be done.

We're still in the midst of basketball and baseball has yet to begin. Outside of sports, Obama's been elected, but there's still some news worth following. Madoff decided to go for broke, Israel's invaded Gaza and Blago is still mired in his little scandal.

Even if you're not nationally minded, local politicians are still kicking. The English-Only referendum is still up for vote and Vanderbilt still wrestles

with living wage. The 2010 gubernatorial election has already begun to heat up.

So in other words, have no fear, you will still be able to complain, rant and be misanthropic. A new year has come.

What I haven't come to expect is a successful football team . . . On the strength of the defense and special teams, the Commodores eked out a 16-14 win over Boston College.

Frat rush ending not a moment too soon

To the Editor:

As I start the second semester of my senior year, the proverbial walk off into the sunset, I ponder what has become of frat life here at our illustrious university. With many freshman guys once again set to filter off to their respective microcosms of the Vandy social scene, it seems the times are a-changin'. I wonder how any normal guy can field a phone call on a Sunday night from another guy about a Thursday night dinner date and not raise an eyebrow. I wonder how a freshman can be manipulated to think disparaging thoughts about a fraternity by a conniving "rival" frat-star gentleman. Most of all, I wonder how fraternity rush has become the mudslinging, hissy-fit debacle that is stereotypical of sorority rush in the movies.

See, it didn't used to be like this. Dudes used to hang out. That's how rush was conducted in the "old days." But the old days are just that — old, over and in the past. The mass exodus of freshmen from Branscomb to The Commons was thought to be doomsday for ole Frat Row. Turns out, it seems that the new breed of frat stars has beaten the multi-million dollar brainchild on Peabody to the punch. Fraternity houses will still be standing when the class of 2009 returns for reunion after reunion, but the dynamic fraternities once brought will be forgotten once we toss the caps in the air. Although, I bet the class of, say, 1999 would say similar things about us.

Douglas Paul Schuessler Jr.
Arts and Science, Senior

THE VERDICT		
Stand and be judged by the Hustler opinion staff! Compiled by Thomas Shattuck		
Commodores		First bowl game win since 1955. What more needs to be said?
Children		A Polish woman has become only the second person to give birth on London's underground rail network since it opened 146 years ago, the transport authority confirmed on Friday.
Children		Three German children aged 5,6 and 7 who said they were fed up with cold weather at home set off on a voyage to Africa but only got as far as the local train station.
Film		While most of the economy flounders, the North American box office reported a 2 percent increase in sales. This, of course, proves that once again, Americans will watch anything.
Lottery		A Connecticut man bought a lottery ticket for his wife on the day he died. Fortunately for her, the numbers on the ticket were worth \$10 million.
China		China frequently gets a down in the Verdict and there's a reason for it at least half of the time. This time the government decided to ban vulgar web sites such as Google. Yet again proving there might be a screw loose in the Communist Party.
Smoking		According to research by British American Tobacco, cigarette sales in France are dropping to record levels. BAT cited bans on smoking in and high prices as factors encouraging the formerly smoking-mad French to stub out their cigarettes for good.
Jett Travolta		John Travolta's son Jett recently passed away in murky circumstances. He supposedly died as a result of an epileptic fit, which is rare but possible. Since his body was cremated, any further news is unlikely.
Gaza		While a ceasefire might be in the works, there seems to be little hope for the war torn area. Maybe next Christmas . . .

The young and the restless



FRANNIE BOYLE
Columnist

When it was announced that Vanderbilt had been chosen to play in the Music City Bowl on Dec. 31, I thought, "Oh, that's awesome! Too bad it's break ... I won't be here." After discussing the situation with a few people, though, I decided it might actually be worth it to come back, not just for the bowl game, but for New Year's, too! See, New Year's at home has never really been that much fun for me. While drinking and/or partying is not necessarily forbidden — it's just not really a New Year's thing. It is saved more for funerals or weddings. I would usually end up babysitting on New Year's anyway.

So I decided coming back would not be such a bad idea. I talked to more people about it, and they had been thinking the same thing. They just advised I bring back a fake.

Four weeks ago I would have said, "A year and two months until I am 21 ... that's not too long to wait," but due to recent events, my mind has been slightly shifted from that way of thinking. I never completely understood why people would pay a load of money and risk semi-serious legal trouble in order to use a fake ID, but during the two weeks leading up to Christmas break frustration led me to think again. Three times in one week I was abandoned by my friends for the Nashville nightlife I was not old enough to be a part of. Even worse, I joined a group on a trip to Mafiozas the next week and ended up not being able to stay on the bar side. Instead, I was forced to sit where the food was served and watch as my friends scoffed at the big, black, sad X's on my hands.

So by the time Christmas break rolled around, I decided investing in a fake might not be such a bad idea. I would not actually do anything illegal with it — I would simply be buying myself the ability to have social relationships with people who are a bit older than me.

My first plan of action was to ask my 22-year-old cousin to help me out. She's pretty cool, and we look a lot alike, so it was the logical choice. Unfortunately, I am an epic failure at lying, so when I asked my mom if she had her number, it obviously did not go over too well. My next plan was to ask someone older at work, and I think I almost had this guy convinced after a few shifts, but unfortunately, he was fired the day after Christmas (true story). The whole recent e-mail scheme did not really appeal to me at all, so my last resort was to ask a friend to ask her sketchy friend. I almost went through with this plan, but then decided I was not desperate enough to meet a guy at 10:30 p.m. in a shady grocery store parking lot.

So needless to say, I came back to Nashville fake-less. And it was a mistake. I enjoyed the bowl game. That was basically as good as life was going to get within the next 24 hours though, because watching pretty much everyone I know gallivant off in a train of cabs for downtown Nashville was no fun. As the clock struck 11 p.m. that evening, I decided the New Year's babysitting job definitely would have topped that, and I would have gotten paid.

As much as I do not want to condone fake IDs, I do not enjoy the big fat social barrier that stands awkwardly in the way during the sophomore and junior years of our college experience. I will probably never end up getting a fake, but another month or two of just fraternity houses and Kissam dorm rooms might put me over the edge. That might possibly tie me down for at least another year.

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SPORTS

Moore ends remarkable run with Vanderbilt, headed to NFL

by DAVID SHOCHAT
Sports Reporter

The first bowl win in 55 years for Vanderbilt came with bittersweet news afterwards.

Junior cornerback D.J. Moore announced that he will forgo his senior season and declare for the National Football League draft. Moore has been a do-everything player for Vanderbilt during his career in Nashville. Moore, who comes from Spartanburg, S.C., did not intrigue in-state schools Clemson or South Carolina while in high school; Vanderbilt, however, was thrilled to get the athlete. Starting his career as a true freshman in 2006 at corner and punt returner, Moore struggled in his first year going up against some of the great wide receivers in the Southeastern Conference.

Nevertheless, Moore was named to the All-SEC freshman team by the coaches. During his sophomore season, Moore became one of the best players on Vanderbilt and in the SEC, playing both offense and defense and being named to First Team All-SEC by The Associated Press. Moore would finish the 2007 season with six interceptions, tied for most in the SEC and most at Vanderbilt since 1982. This season Moore was so dynamic the coaches used him at a kick returner, starting cornerback, wide receiver and even quarterback on certain plays. He was also

named First Team All-American by Rivals.com and Second Team All-American by The Associated Press.

Looking back on Moore's career, there were two performances that stood out. First, during his sophomore season, Moore led the Commodores to a victory at No. 6 South Carolina, his hometown team that did not want him back in high school. In that game, Moore recorded eight total tackles and two interceptions and was later named National Defensive Player of the Week. The second performance was this season at Kentucky where Moore almost singlehandedly led the Commodores to its sixth victory and bowl eligibility, providing production to a struggling offense with two touchdown catches to go along with three and a half tackles and two interceptions, the second of which sealed the win and a bowl game for the Commodores. Moore was named National Defensive Player of the Week after this performance as well.

His play even drew the praise of arch-rivals. Tennessee's star safety Eric Berry, the SEC Defensive Player of the Year, said he had great respect for Moore.

"He makes a lot of plays and is very consistent," Berry said. "He plays with a lot of passion."

Moore will be greatly missed because of all he has done on and off the field for Vanderbilt. One has to look no further than



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Junior D.J. Moore has decided to leave Vanderbilt and declare for the NFL draft. The unique athlete starred on offense, defense and special teams in three seasons with the Commodores.

the bowl game against Boston College to see what kind of player Moore is. After injuring his ankle breaking up a pass in the second quarter, Moore continued to fight through the pain to help the Commodores win its first bowl game in 55 years before having to be pulled from the game by the coaches.

Moore is projected by most to be a first or second round pick in the upcoming draft, so his decision to leave school early seems like the right one for him and his family. Currently, Todd McShay of Scouts Inc. has Moore going 23rd overall to the Minnesota Vikings in the first

round. If Moore was drafted in the first round, he would become the third Commodore drafted in the first round since the 2006 draft when Jay Cutler was picked by the Denver Broncos. Last year, the Chicago Bears picked offensive lineman Chris Williams in the first round.

Coach Bobby Johnson said it best after the bowl win when asked what he thought of Moore's decision.

"I'm for D.J.," Johnson said. "I want what's best for him and I think everybody in our program is for D.J. I really hope it works out for him. I think that he's a fantastic football player." ■

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Vanderbilt opens the Southeastern Conference portion of its schedule tomorrow at Alabama at 6 p.m. The Commodores, pegged to win the SEC at the beginning of the season, have lost two straight and are tied for sixth place in the conference.

Although Vanderbilt (11-4) demolished the Crimson Tide in both of their meetings last season, they will have their hands full this time. Alabama (12-3) has won six straight games and sports a 10-1 record at home this season.



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Chanel Chisholm (3) and the Commodores open SEC play tomorrow at Alabama. Vanderbilt goes in losers of two straight games for the first time in the past three seasons.

KRANZLER: Johnson has brought respect to Vanderbilt

From KRANZLER, page 1

Having announced his intention to leave school early for the NFL, junior cornerback D.J. Moore is widely expected to become Vanderbilt's third first-rounder in the past four years in April's draft.

In fact, Johnson has proven he can evaluate and develop talent just as well as any other coach in the country, if not better. His job is made more difficult by the stringent academic standards inherent in coaching at an elite university such as Vanderbilt, yet he has consistently found diamonds in the rough to mold into future pros.


"It's not hard to recruit to Vanderbilt," Johnson said. "We just have fewer guys available to recruit ... and sometimes we

have to take guys who we think will be players maybe one or two years down the road instead of immediately as a freshman."

And with nearly every key contributor returning next season, the sky is the limit for this young Commodore team. The monkey is finally off their backs, and the program is starting to develop a winning mentality.

"They worked hard during the preparation time to try to win this bowl, and they came through like champs," Johnson said. "Seeing all that happen for them and seeing the joy on their faces was the sweetest part."


And finally, Commodore fans across the country can understand that joy for themselves. ■

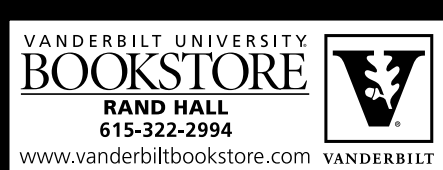


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Coach Bobby Johnson receives encouragement from a fan as he heads into LP Field.

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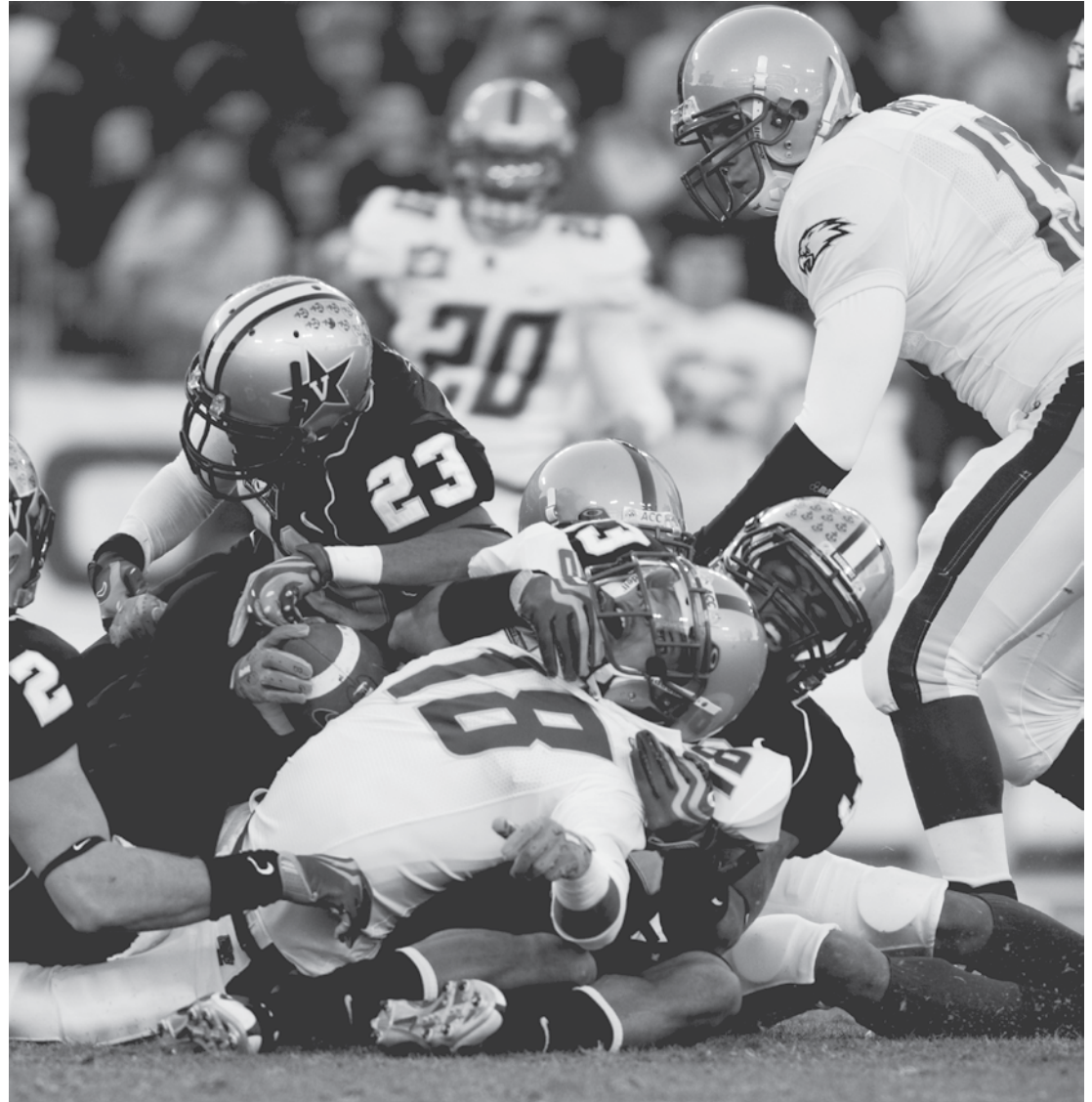


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Sean Richardson (38) celebrates his recovery of a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown.

Bowl victory caps first winning season in 26 years.



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Vanderbilt's Austin Newton (46) delivers a hard hit to Boston College's Montel Harris (41) during a kick return in the Music City Bowl.



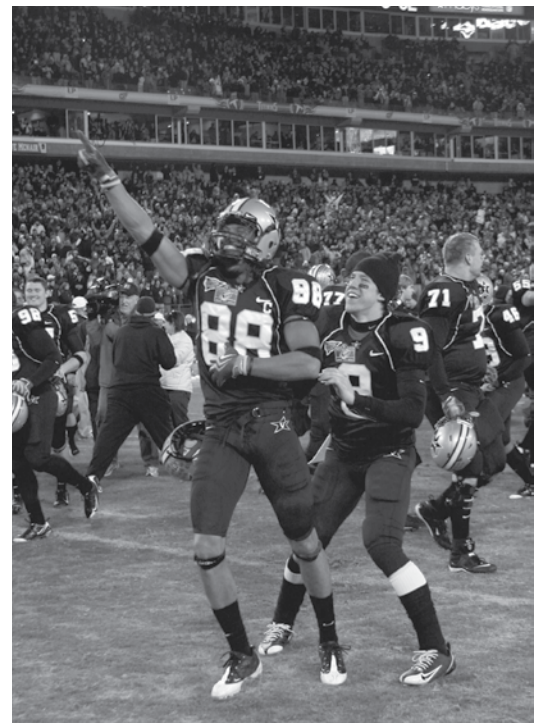
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Reshard Langford (33) brings down Rich Gunnell (18) during a punt return. The Eagles managed just seven yards on nine returns on the day.



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Sean Walker (7) hauls in a 51-yard strike by Larry Smith in the first quarter. The catch set up a 26-yard field goal for a 6-0 lead.



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Thomas Welch (76), Thomas Carroll (50) and Bryant Hahnfeldt (8) react as Hahnfeldt's 45-yard field goal sails through the uprights to give Vanderbilt a 16-14 lead in the fourth quarter. Minutes later, Myron Lewis intercepted Boston College's Dominique Davis to clinch the victory.



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler
George Smith (88) and Mackenzi Adams (9) celebrate on LP Field after Vanderbilt's first bowl win in 53 years.



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Greg Billinger (56), who set a career high with seven tackles, and the Commodores salute the fans at LP Field after defeating Boston College in the Music City Bowl.



JOHN RUSSELL / VU Media Relations
Bobby Johnson gets doused in Gatorade as the final seconds tick off the historic victory for the Commodores. With the seventh win, Johnson helmed Vanderbilt's best season in a generation.



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Sparks fly on LP Field as Vanderbilt players and coaches hold the Music City Bowl trophy aloft.

Vanderbilt special teams units save the day

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

All the points scored on special teams? The punter being named Most Valuable Player? The Vanderbilt Commodores won in unique fashion all season, and their Music City Bowl triumph was no different.

Led by junior Brett Upson's effective rugby punts to control field position and placekicker senior Bryant Hahnfeldt's three field goals, including the game-winner with 3:12 left, the Commodores overcame a poor showing by their offense to defeat Boston College 16-14.

The month of preparation for the bowl gave Vanderbilt plenty



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Brett Upson awaits the snap for one of his nine punts during the Music City Bowl. Upson, who was named MVP of the bowl, averaged 42.6 yards per punt, one of which led to a touchdown.

of time to work on a unit that was instrumental to their 5-0 start.

"I think it had a huge impact on special teams as a whole," Hahnfeldt said. "We were able to look at the things we had done wrong near the end of the season and not only just correct them but perfect them. And from what the special teams did all game, we nearly had it perfected."

Too true.

Upson pinned the Eagles inside their 20-yard line three times, but his biggest kick landed at the 21. Trailing 7-6, Vanderbilt stalled at midfield minutes into the third quarter, but Upson's punt struck Boston College's Paul Anderson on

the thigh for a fumble. The ball rolled into the end zone before being recovered by Sean Richardson for a touchdown. A review showed it was a clear fumble and the Commodores took a 13-7 lead.

But just as important were Upson's rugby punts that kept on pinning the Eagles deep in their own territory. The average starting position for Boston College in every quarter was never better than their own 22 despite forcing Vanderbilt into seven three-and-outs, five of them in the second half.

"The weather was a huge factor," Upson said. "I was able to drive the rugby punts low to keep them out of the wind."

With nine punts averaging 42.6 yards apiece, Upson was named the MVP of the bowl.

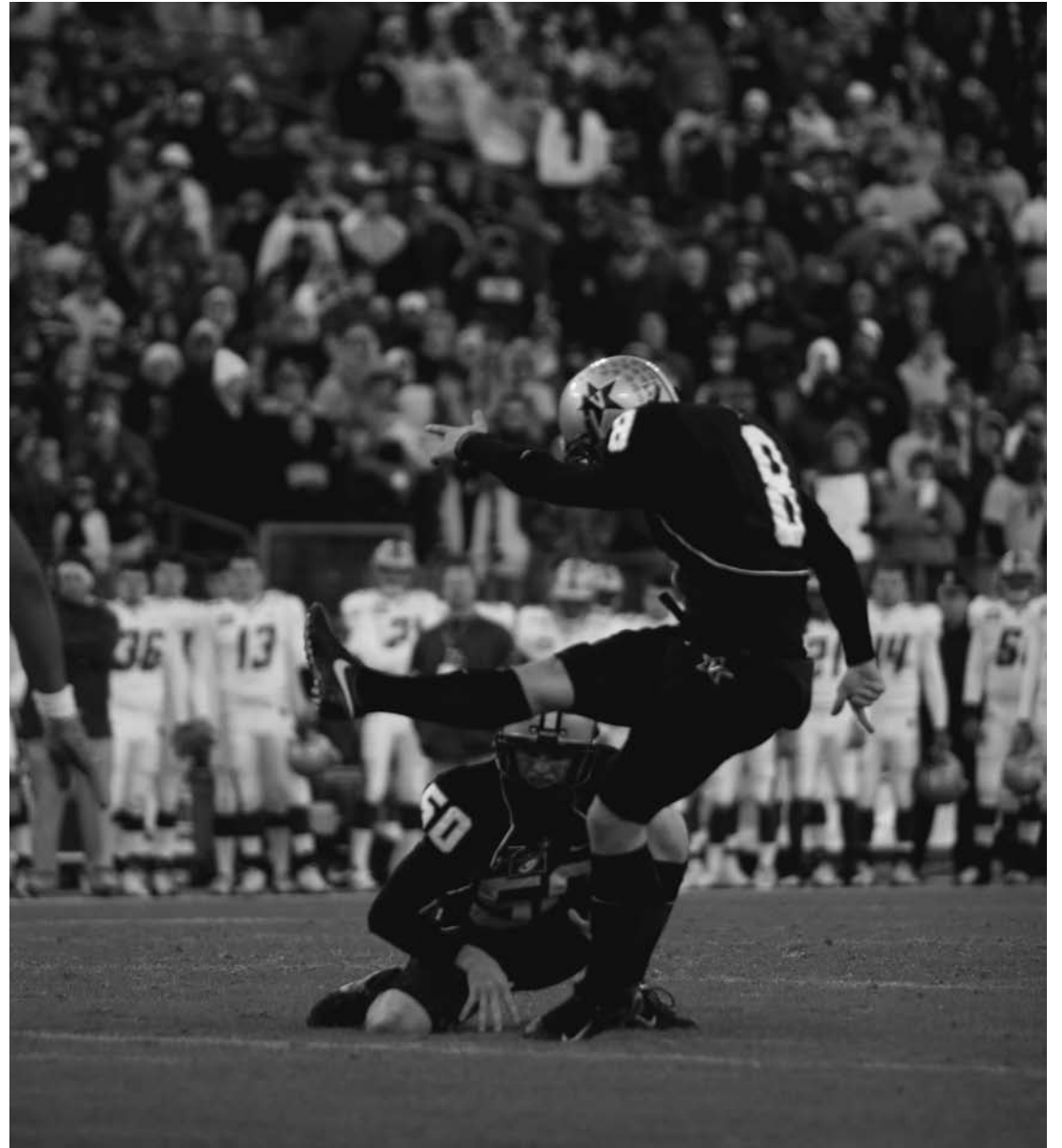
"It wouldn't have come true without the rest of the team," Upson said. "Without their efforts on protection and coverage I would not have been able to be as successful."

Upson's season began with a scare after he was hospitalized with kidney failure in August. He rebounded to start the opener and wound up being the biggest difference-maker in the bowl.

"I was wondering if I could ever come back to full strength," Upson said of his ailment. "To end on the highest note of my career possible for this season was very gratifying."

As for Hahnfeldt, he already made a mark this year in becoming the school's all-time leading scorer back in September. That he would be the other hero of Vanderbilt's first bowl win in 53 years was quite a capper for what he described as an "up-and-down" career at Vanderbilt.

After drilling two field goals in the first quarter to give the Commodores an early 6-0 lead, Hahnfeldt was called on again when the Eagles had gone up 14-13 in the fourth quarter. Aided by two penalties and a 15-yard



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Bryant Hahnfeldt (8) kicks a 42-yard field goal to give Vanderbilt a 3-0 lead in the Music City Bowl. The senior kicked two more, including the game-winner in the 16-14 victory. Hahnfeldt credited holder Thomas Carroll (50) and the rest of the special teams unit for their work in the win.

pass by redshirt freshman Larry Smith to redshirt senior George Smith, Hahnfeldt was set up for a 45-yarder. Foot met leather and the partisan crowd roared as the kick sailed through the uprights for the winning points and his second-longest made kick of the season.

"As soon as I hit it, I knew," Hahnfeldt said. "The guys blocking up front did a great job of stopping the rush, and my snapper and holder were right on the money all night long."

The senior had been a part of some memorable moments

during his career, on the good and bad side. Hahnfeldt made the game-winner against Georgia in 2006 but missed potential game-winners against Arkansas and Tennessee the last two seasons. His three field goals against Ole Miss in September were the winning points, but in the loss to Duke he missed two, including one that would have tied the game in the fourth quarter.

But he went out a winner. "There is no doubt that this was the biggest kick of my life," Hahnfeldt said. "It will always

have a special place in my mind."

The Nashville native recognized the significance of his winning kick for not just his team, which clinched its first winning season in 26 years, but also his hometown.

"I did not realize at the time how big it was going to be nor will I truly understand how big it was until I look back on it down the road," Hahnfeldt said. "It definitely was a kick that not only impacted a lot of people, but the city of Nashville itself as well as the Vanderbilt football program." ■

Smith impresses in first start at quarterback

by MIKE KRANZLER
Sports Reporter

Going into the first start of his career in one of the biggest games in Vanderbilt's history, redshirt freshman quarterback Larry Smith knew he had the weight of decades of expectations on his shoulders.

With the Commodores preparing to play in their first postseason bowl game since 1982, there was major uncertainty at quarterback with previous starters redshirt senior Chris Nickson and redshirt junior Mackenzi Adams struggling with injuries and inconsistency. But with the extra four weeks of practice time leading up to the Music City Bowl, Smith was able to distinguish himself enough to get the nod against Boston College.

What is even more impressive is that he had only one half of

game experience against Wake Forest under his belt going into bowl preparations. Yet he showed enough poise and promise to merit coach Bobby Johnson putting his trust in the young signal-caller.

"It meant a lot to me for coach Johnson having as much faith in me as he did," Smith said. "Being that the game was one of the biggest in the university's history, I just put it upon myself to not let my teammates and coaching staff down."

Though Nickson and Adams both saw occasional snaps during Vanderbilt's 16-14 victory over the Eagles, Smith was the unquestioned leader under center as he led the Commodores to their first bowl victory since 1955.

By playing within himself and not forcing the action, he kept Vanderbilt in the game long enough to set up another Music City miracle. He

completed 10-17 passes for 121 yards and rushed for 25.

And with three years of eligibility remaining, Smith looks to have the inside track to possibly be the team's starting quarterback for the rest of his career. Top it off with the fact that this young team will return nearly every key contributor next season and the future is bright indeed for the black and gold.

But Smith is not looking ahead just yet, choosing to instead bask in the glow of what the team accomplished this season.

"I think this team will always be remembered for finally getting over the hump by becoming bowl eligible, and not only winning the bowl but also finishing with a winning season," Smith said.

And the best is possibly yet to come.

"I think our future can only get better from here," he said. ■



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Larry Smith (10) gave a steady performance in his first career start at quarterback, passing for 121 yards and rushing for 25. After falling behind 14-13, Smith completed a critical pass to get the Commodores into field goal range, where Bryant Hahnfeldt made the game-winner.

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Compiled by David Shochat

QUARTERBACKS, B+

Redshirt freshman Larry Smith got the surprising start for the Music City Bowl and showed the future is bright for the Commodores at quarterback. Smith threw for 121 yards on 10-17 passing, including a beautiful 51-yard pass to redshirt senior Sean Walker. Redshirt senior Chris Nickson played as well, but was used mainly to run the ball. An injured redshirt junior Mackenzi Adams played one snap and was roughed on a pass to help get the Commodores a critical first down.

RUNNING BACKS, B

The running backs didn't get many carries in the game, and when they did, the Boston College front seven didn't let them get far. Redshirt junior Jared Hawkins only ran the ball eight times for 13 yards. However, the lack of production was to be expected against the seventh-best rush defense in the country.

WIDE RECEIVERS, B

The wide receivers, like the running backs, didn't get the ball much, but Walker had a great catch for 51 yards in his final game as a Commodore. Walker finished the game with 68 yards receiving, the second-most of his career. Redshirt freshman Udom Umoh led the team with three catches for his first career receptions.

OFFENSIVE LINE, B-

The quarterbacks were only sacked once all night. The line had trouble with Boston College's talented front seven, however, as Vanderbilt went only 1-15 on third downs, many of which were third and short.

DEFENSIVE LINE, B+

While the Commodores did not record a sack in the game, three different defensive linemen were credited with quarterback hurries. Redshirt sophomore Teriell Brannon started his first game as a Commodore and filled in admirably for the injured redshirt junior Broderick Stewart. Junior Greg Billinger led the line with a career-high seven tackles.

LINEBACKERS, B+

Redshirt freshman Chris Marve was his usual self, registering 10 tackles in the game, and junior Patrick Benoist added nine. The tandem ended the year as the top two tacklers for the Commodores, with both registering over 100 tackles.

SECONDARY, A-

While junior Myron Lewis got burned on a double move that allowed Boston College to take a 14-13 lead in the fourth quarter, Lewis redeemed himself as he intercepted Boston College quarterback Dominique Davis to seal the victory for the Commodores. Redshirt senior Reshard Langford had nine tackles in his final game. Redshirt junior safety Ryan Hamilton had six tackles and an interception off a D.J. Moore pass deflection. Freshman Casey Hayward filled in for Moore, who was hampered with an injury after deflection, and played great.

SPECIAL TEAMS, A

Junior Brett Upson was named MVP of the Music City Bowl and his punt that deflected off of a Boston College player would be the only touchdown for the Commodores. Senior Bryant Hahnfeldt was 3-3 in the game converting on kicks from 42, 26 and the game-winner from 45 yards.

COACHING, B-

While coach Bobby Johnson and staff did a good job of going with Smith to start the game, going 1-15 on third down was horrendous. Some of it was execution, but a lot of it was poor play calling by offensive coordinator Ted Cain. A lot of those third downs were third and short, and while it was one thing to try to run on the first few third and shorts, adjustments needed to be made when Vanderbilt continually failed to move the chains.

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