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■ CAMPUS NEWS

Smoking ban sparks controversy

KYLE BLAINE News Editor

Smokers won't be lighting up cigarettes on the walk back from class or after a football game this fall at Vanderbilt University — at least if they're following the

On Aug. 1, the university became one of more than 365 colleges nationwide that have instituted some kind of smoking ban on campus. Vanderbilt's ban creates designated community and residential areas for smokers, but how strictly the administration will implement the ban remains unclear.

"Vanderbilt Police is not really enforcing it. I have been walking around campus smoking and have not been stopped," said sophomore Derek Schatz.

"People sometimes walk to class smoking, and its kind of hard not to be stuck behind them," said freshman Katie Frates. "I know about the ban, but I am not a confrontational person, so I didn't say anything."

The administration is counting on good faith enforcement. According to Dean of Students Mark Bandas, enforcement at Vanderbilt will not be "officious," but will be a matter of courtesy. Smokers are being asked to comply with requests out of

In a Time Magazine piece last fall, administrators at schools like Purdue University and the University of Iowa described their struggles with enforcement. It's a problem Vanderbilt has already experienced once before. When Vanderbilt University Medical Center went completely smoke-free in 2008, displaced VUMC employees and patients could often be seen smoking on university grounds.

The impetus for the ban, according to Bandas, is student

"The negative health effects of exposure to secondhand smoke are simply medical fact," Bandas said in remarks to resident advisers. "So the university has an interest in protecting the interests and health of the non-smoking members of our community, the vast majority of people on the campus."

According to universitygathered information, less than 1.5 percent of students are regular smokers and around 15 percent of students identified themselves as social smokers. Cigarettes can still be purchased at most Varsity Market locations on campus and on the Vanderbilt

"We are not putting any of Please see **SMOKING BAN**, page 5

Caldwell feels 'blessed,' ready for start of 2010 season

Vanderbilt Hustler Editor-in-Chief David Namm sat down with Head Football Coach Robbie Caldwell to discuss his new job, the upcoming season and his inspirations.

VANDERBILT HUSTLER: A lot has been made of how quickly you were named coach — it was kind of a whirlwind — but what was running through your head the night after you got the job? That must have been something else.

ROBBIE CALDWELL: I couldn't believe it. After being an assistant for 35 or 36 years, this was something that ... didn't consume me, but I sometimes thought, 'If I was ever a head coach, I'd like to do this or I'd like to do that.' It was such a whirlwind when I laid down that night. As a matter of fact, I didn't sleep much at all. It was very exciting.

VH: You said there were some things you thought about in terms of becoming a head coach. If there were one word you could use to describe your coaching style, what would it be?

RC: That's a tough one. I think it would be compassion. I've coached for a long time, and I was a very hard, demanding coach — and I am today — but I am compassionate about the players because I played the game and know what they go through. Sometimes they think we have no clue, just like a child thinks of his parent, but we really know what they're going through, particularly those of us who played on the college level.

VH: What was the best piece of advice you've received over the years that has prepared you for this job?

RC: The best advice I got was delegate. Delegate, delegate. You can't do it all. I was a behind-thescenes worker, so I just like to grab the bull by the horn and do it, so to speak. That's been the best thing, but some of the men I've worked for really have prepared me for this just by doing the right thing, doing what's right by the players, preparing yourself and crossing all the Ts and dotting all the Is. I've been very blessed in that regard.

VH: Speaking of blessings, Commodore fans are hoping to be blessed with more wins this upcoming season. With practice coming to a close and Northwestern on the horizon, what's the most impressive thing you've seen out of your team so far?

RC: I think the camaraderie, the group as a whole bonding together. It's such a cliche, but it is important that offense, defense and special teams all get together and understand that we're in this thing together as a team. Most of the time in college football, if you're not careful, it will become offense versus defense and that type of thing. No — it's us against Northwestern right now, and that's what we have to be focused on.

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Coach Caldwell looks over his players as they stretch at practice on the afternoon of Friday, Aug. 27, 2010. Their season begins on Sept. 4 at home against Northwestern.

COACH CALDWELL FAST FACTS

- Caldwell was brought to Vanderbilt by Bobby Johnson in his first season as head coach.
- Caldwell assumes control after eight years as assistant coach and offensive line coach.
- Caldwell played center for three years at Furman University and was voted team MVP in

1975.

· Vanderbilt has had seven offensive linemen drafted under Caldwell, including former first round pick

Chris Williams.

- In addition to coaching football, Caldwell was also a high school baseball head coach in Hanahan, South Carolina.
- Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, Caldwell held the same position as offensive line coach at Furman, N.C. State and UNC-

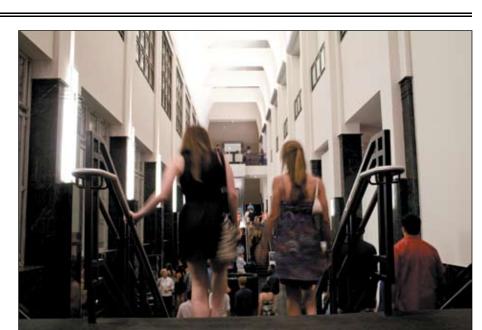
Chapel Hill.

• In total, Caldwell has coached 23 offensive linemen to all-conference honors.

First-year students receive CommonVU of fine art at Frist

First-year students descend the stairs in the gallery entrance of the Frist Center for the Visual Arts on Saturday, Aug. 28. The party was a part of Vanderbilt's CommonVU program.

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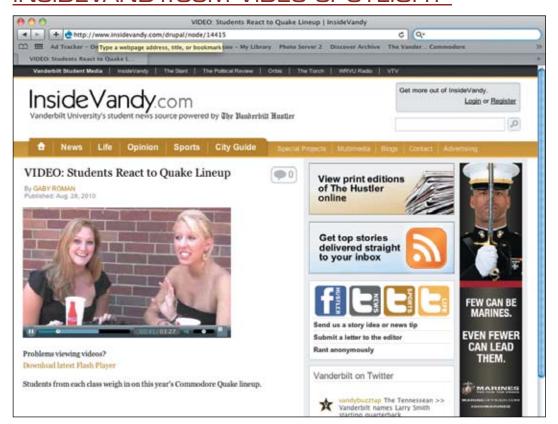


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INSIDEVANDY.COM VIDEO SPOTLIGHT



Each week, The Vanderbilt Hustler will highlight a selected video from InsideVandy.com. This week we feature a video by Editorial Fellow Gaby Roman that explores student reactions to the much-anticipated release of this year's Commoodore Quake lineup.

Here's what some of the students had to say:

- "I think we may sell more tickets than Jay-Z for this one."
- "Everyone's been talking about it; seems like it's got a fair amount of hype around campus."
- "Honestly, Snoop Dogg knows how to put on an excellent show ... It was the best concert I've ever seen."
- "I love B.o.B, and I'm excited to see Snoop Dogg."
- "I think it's a good mix to fit different types of music interest."

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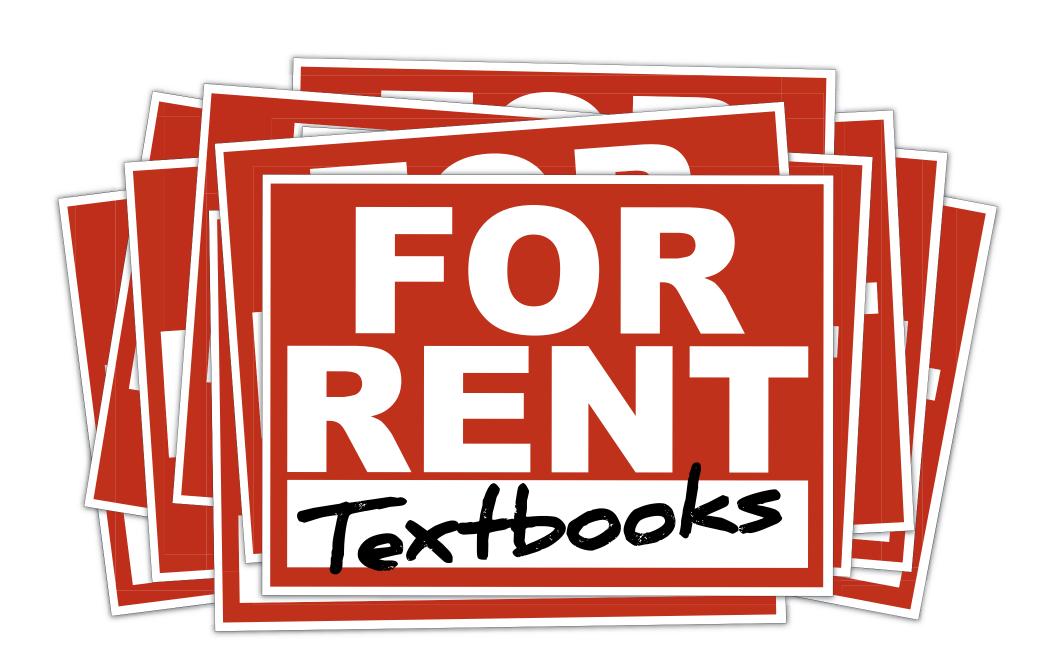
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SMOKING BAN: students already ignoring policy

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our students in a dangerous position by forcing them to go off campus or on the outskirts 21st Avenue or West End to exercise their rights," VSG President Lori Murphy said.

VSG passed a resolution in the fall of 2009 stating that a smoking ban with designated areas was not in the interest of the student

body. According to a statement from Murphy, VSG tried to limit the negative effects of the new policy when the university decided to move forward with its implementation.

"Many campuses completely smoke free in all public forums, and actually, this campus, I think, has taken a very cautious step in saying we do respect smokers' rights," said Dr. Louise Hanson, medical director of the Student Health Center. "We are giving smokers designated areas."

According to Murphy, residential smoking locations were chosen based on existing student behaviors.

There are 18 designated community-smoking

located on campus and 21 residential smoking locations; Vanderbilt students are required to live on campus all four years, with limited exceptions. Greek houses will be allowed to selfdesignate an area on individual house grounds but not inside the house.

Senior Zachary McAnally took issue with the location of those residential areas.

"People sit outside our building and smoke and that's OK because it's a designated spot. Nothing really changes," McAnally said.

Perceived flaws in the policy's design and execution have

garnered a mixed reaction from the student body — from both the smoking and non-smoking

"It's a really bad idea that's not going to be enforced. It's not going to be respected," Schatz

■ CAMPUS NEWS

University fined for lab animal deaths

JOSLIN WOODS

Asst. News Editor

Vanderbilt will undergo an inspection of its laboratory procedures after a 2008 laboratory accident killed a baby galago monkey, according to an article on upi.com from Saturday, Aug. 28.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture, responsible for inspecting the care of laboratory animals involved in medical research, fined Vanderbilt \$8,156 as a result of the 2008 incident.

According to The Tennessean, a lab worker put cage bedding into a washing machine without noticing that the baby monkey was wrapped in the material, resulting in the monkey's death. The same year, five hamsters died or were euthanized as a result of being injected with an incorrectly mixed compound during experimentation.

Vanderbilt announced its settlement with the FDA and said the university reported the laboratory animals' deaths and responded immediately with corrective action.

"Vanderbilt University is firmly committed to the highest standards of care and the most humane protocols for all animals necessary to conduct medical research," said John Howser, director of the Medical Center's Office of News & Communications.

This is not the first time Vanderbilt University has been cited for animal treatment violations. A May 2005 USDA report cited Vanderbilt on 13 violations, including failure to follow proper protocol, failure to use any aseptic during procedure and inaccurate records. The number of federal violations rose to 19 in July of 2006, and lab animal deaths were reported through 2007.

The primate lab has drawn criticisms from organizations such as PETA and SAEN (Stop Animal Exploitation Now) in the

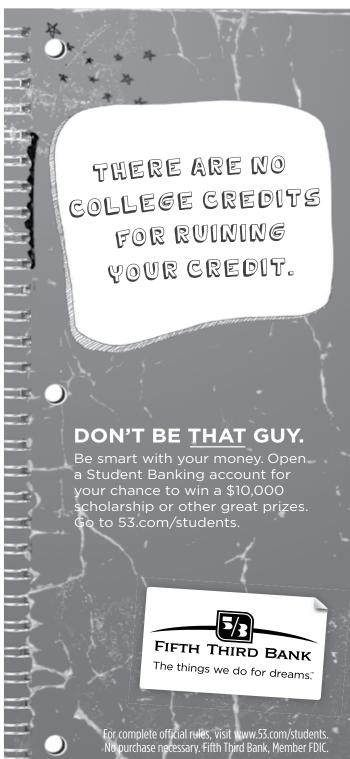
"The use of animals in clinical research demonstrates clear-cut benefits to mankind, and also to animals themselves. Many lifesaving medications and surgical procedures in use today, for both humans and animals, would not have been possible without prior animal research. Vanderbilt University remains firmly committed to these practices," said Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Beth Fortune

in a statement released to

The Vanderbilt Hustler. "The incidents in the recent USDA settlement agreement were self-reported by Vanderbilt University to the USDA, and since those incidents, corrective actions, as recommended by the USDA, have been taken."■



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• At Vanderbilt, these improvements are seen mostly with boutique and middle-market banks' recruiting, although some larger firms will be on the campus for the first time or returning after an absence.

Juniors & Sophomores:

• If you are looking for summer internships, consider the Finance Career Mentoring program (accepting applications mid-Sept. to Oct).

• Some larger banks are recruiting in November for summer internships, for the first time in

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Smoking ban ineffective

The Vanderbilt Hustler: New policy serves as public relations smokescreen

Small new signs designating smoking areas greeted students returning to campus this fall. The signs are part of a new campus policy restricting smoking to specific places on campus. The Hustler believes that the new regulations are more about the university's public relations than about protecting the health of community members, and we have concerns about the effectiveness of the new restrictions.

Let us be clear: We support efforts to promote smoking cessation on campus, both for smokers' health as well as out of concern over secondhand smoke

inhalation. But a policy such as this, which will be difficult to enforce and has no teeth, does not have the goal of making our community healthier; its goal instead is to garner positive publicity for our institution.

The smoking areas are poorly placed. Many are in highly trafficked areas; they make secondhand smoke harder to avoid, not easier. Since only 1.5 percent of students on campus identify themselves as regular smokers, a better policy would prohibit smokers from lighting up in our campus' most popular outdoor areas, such as near doorways, on the Peabody bridge or on The Wall, while allowing students to smoke elsewhere. Secondhand smoke is less threatening and easier to avoid when it comes from one cigarette butt rather than from

The enforcement of the ban also raises questions. The Medical Center has hired people to ride around on Segways to enforce its smoking ban; when they encounter a smoker, they give him or her information on quitting. If the same people policed main campus, they would — at best — be laughed off. Thus, many smokers have continued to smoke outside of the university's designated areas. We can't support these people for breaking the rules, nor can we condemn them for not following a rule that is unquestionably flawed.

The university should rethink the smoking ban; it may cause some bad publicity, but that should not be the university's sole concern in making

■ COLUMN

Treat our workers right



SAMETS

Opinion Editor

THEODORE

At Vanderbilt we talk a lot about "fostering community." An important part of

fostering community is respecting those people who make this university run, whether they mow the lawn, swipe our card in the lunch line at Rand

or vacuum the hallways of our dorm. I used to think that it was reasonable to assume that those people with the power at our university always treated their employees with respect and

Turns out I was wrong.

Last week, I read a story on the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 386's website about Brenda Goldthreate, an employee of Vanderbilt for 40 years. For 45 days this summer, Goldthreate worked at Rand during her lunch break. She was not paid for this time and didn't feel she was able to take a break.

"This summer ... was the worst and the hardest summer I've ever had ... I feltlike I was a prisoner. I couldn't sleep. I couldn't eat. I got migraine headaches worrying about it," Goldthreate said. Vanderbilt Dining showed no concern about Goldthreate's situation.

Goldthreate turned to her union for help. With the help of her union stewards, she was able to win unpaid wages for her meal breaks. That's a start, but there's still so much more we

As students, we are lucky to have peoplelike Goldthreate and the over 600 employees represented by the Laborers' Union working to make sure that our lawns are manicured, our bathrooms clean and our food prepared. We need to do more to recognize them for what they do. The university's responsibility goes even further; it is a shame that our administration allows any worker at Vanderbilt to be treated so poorly.

When those of us who are undergraduates were still in high school, there was a major labor battle here at Vanderbilt. The story of Vanderbilt students and community members coming together with Vanderbilt workers to fight for a living wage garnered national news: PBS did a long profile of the contract negotiations, and national newspapers including the New York Times reported on student efforts. Danny Glover even visited campus to meet workers and show solidarity.

In the time since, almost all of the students who were part of the original effort for a living wage have graduated or moved on from Vanderbilt. Those of us who are here now came into a community that was better because of their efforts, but far from perfect. Stories like Brenda Goldthreate's remind us of how much more there is to do.

What I wonder now is how something like Goldthreate's saga happened. What kind of corporate culture makes a worker scared to ask for a lunch break — and then doesn't pay that worker for the overtime she accrued during this time? For some reason, this happened at the school we love. We can't expect that the people in charge of Vanderbilt Dining and the other Vanderbilt entities that employ low-wage workers will suddenly decide to treat their employees appropriately.

Creating and fostering community needs to be more than a slogan; it needs to be the mantra that guides the university's actions.

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Learning from the squirrels

MATT **POPKIN** Columnist

Fact No. 1: Squirrel comes from the Latin word sciurus. Fact No. 2: That roughly translates to "freshmen of the natural world." So

to know, courtesy of our furry friends: 1. The frats will hunt you down

listen up, first years. Here's all you need

It was the first night of college. As my new roommate and I piled into the backseat of a black SUV with a female friend of his, heading to an off-campus party, the possibilities seemed endless. Why, that garbage bag behind me could be filled with textbooks! Or cheap beer! College was a blank canvas — at least until the friendly senior in the front seat opened his mouth:

"Boys, if you do this night right, you won't remember it," he said.

"Wow," I thought, "Making memories to last a lifetime is so high school."

He paused and took stock of the third member of our party, flashing her an absolute winner of a smile. "You ... well, if you stick with me, you most definitely will."

Gag.

Some frats send their pledge classes

after the squirrels. Some don't. Either way, they will come for you — boy or girl, it doesn't matter. Men, be aware that someone has to pay for the Natty Light second semester. And ladies? Well, let's just say tally marks aren't just for card

2. You're smart until you mess up. After that, you're squirrel meat.

Every time I eat outside and I'm harassed by some big-cheeked nut grabber — no, I'm not talking about the frats anymore — I dream of the day when I see a squirrel eaten by a boa constrictor. Freud, figure that one out.

Here are some things that will happen this year to the Class of 2014. One of you will vomit all over a policeman's shoes and pass out on your dorm's front lawn. Your class will lose several hundred Commodore Cards and lock dozens of keys inside dorm rooms. 10 of you will angrily look me up on Facebook and then fall in love, despite it all.

Oh, and you know how at orientation, every other person was going to be premed? And you felt somewhat inadequate saying you were an English major and so you went back to your room that night and cried fat, salty tears into your pillow until you fell asleep? Well, check back after the first chemistry test. The German word for that warm feeling in your belly? Schadenfreude. It translates to "suck it."

3. The freshman fifteen: How are you going to climb that tree with your belly on the ground?

Hate to be the one to tell you this, but some guys think our incoming squirrels this year aren't nearly as good-looking as the squirrels from last year, and man, those squirrels don't even hold a candle to the ones they saw when they visited three years ago. But then again, those same guys also wear shorts with tiny animals on them. Just saying.

Seriously though, did you know froyo is the fastest expanding industry in Nashville? Gee, I wonder why. It's you, Class of 2014. They're getting ready for you. For my sake, I'm going to keep pretending you're invisible. I only deal with one invasion at a time, and the squirrels were here first.

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■ LETTER

Criticizing the community creed "honestly"

To the editor:

Vanderbilt University prides itself on providing students and faculty with an academic environment of free expression. The Student Handbook states: "The University is committed to providing opportunities for the free and open exchange of ideas both inside and outside the classroom. It will safeguard the undisturbed, orderly expression of diverse views and opinions as well as the opportunity for their careful examination." Similarly, the Faculty Manual provides that Vanderbilt "is a community of men and women devoted to the search for truth ... both faculty and students are entitled to exercise the rights of citizens." These promises could be interpreted to mean that everyone is guaranteed the same rights as would be allowed to attendees of a public university, where students are guaranteed protection by the First Amendment. These guarantees are awesome — and when I enrolled, I expected Vanderbilt to live up to them.

As a freshman at Vanderbilt, my introduction to the Community Creed was disappointing. In VUPoint, a publication of the Commons, we were told that at the event we would "examine the significance of entering

a community of scholars" and "discuss the meaning of academic and personal responsibility and integrity," we ended up drawing illustrations on tiles symbolizing what only one element of the creed meant. The beginning of the creed also states that students "share an obligation to honor" these principles, meaning that adherence is mandatory.

Among the elements of the Community Creed are civility and caring. According to the creed, civility is "the genuine respect for the rights of others. We value constructive disagreement and are mindful of the potential impact of our words and actions." Had the word "and" been a "but," the problem with this definition would be more obvious. This statement implies restrictions on free speech that might have a negative emotional impact; even so, such speech needs to be protected. A recent federal court case, College Republicans at SFSU v. Reed, very eloquently explained: "the requirement 'to be civil to one another' ... reasonably can be understood as prohibiting the kind of communication that it is necessary to use to convey the full emotional power with which a speaker embraces her ideas or the intensity and richness of the feelings that attach her to her cause." In addition, it's

also impossible to mandate "genuine" respect. This definition also implies that people have a right to not be offended, which does not exist in a society of free

In the creed, caring is defined as "the concern for the well-being and dignity of others." However, the use of vague terms like "concern" and "dignity" forces students like me to guess at what is allowed and not allowed. Reasonably, I would have to take the safe route and not raise any objections I might have, resulting in self-censorship or the "chilling effect" — not quite the free inquiry I was promised.

After having guaranteed the members of its community the rights of citizens, Vanderbilt is potentially violating students' right to their own beliefs or values and to free thinking. Caring and maintaining civility are good things to do, but too much emphasis can stifle intellectual growth. A private university like Vanderbilt may lawfully make this mandatory for students, but to be consistent with the university's admirable promises of free speech, these values should remain aspirational in nature. **Kenny Tan**

> Freshman **School of Engineering**

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GREEK LIFE



OLIVER HAN Assistant Life Editor

Bryann DaSilva and Jason Elmer of **Delta Lambda Phi**

Over the weekend, Assistant Life Editor Oliver Han caught up with Jason Elmer and Bryann DaSilva, co-founders of Vanderbilt's Delta Lambda Phi colony. They talked beginnings, plans for the year and the level of acceptance on campus.

Delta Lambda Phi?

BRYANN DASILVA: Delta Lambda Phi is a national social fraternity for gay, bisexual and progressive men. DLP is an IFC fraternity.

VH: When did you guys establish Delta Lambda Phi, and how did the idea to start it come about?

BD: The idea came about in kind of a silly way; Jason Elmer, Spencer Montalvo (the third co-founder) and I were sitting in our room, and we were talking about the visibility of the LGBTI (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex) student population on campus in relation to the Greek life, and then we thought that it would be great to have a presence in Greek life as well. We couldn't think of anywhere we could fit in, so we decided we would go ahead and found a colony at Vanderbilt for DLP. I transferred here from NYU and there was a colony there, so I knew all about it.

JUSTIN ELMER: Officially, we inducted our first class, our Alpha class, on March 20 of last spring; however, the initial conversations started early in the fall semester of last year. We made presentations to IFC in November, and they voted and passed our petition to

VH: Is this the only national fraternity for LGBTI students, or are there more of this

BD: There is one other national fraternity for LGBTI students; however, DLP is by far the larger in terms of number of active colonies and chapters. I know there is a DLP colony at McGill in Canada. Also, I believe we are the only SEC school to have a DLP colony.

VH: Vanderbilt has been trying to diversify its student body over the recent years through its selection process, among other methods. Now it looks like DLP is serving to diversify Vanderbilt's Greek BD: We are also planning on having a formal life in a way. Do you think the climate at Vanderbilt has changed towards a more progressive atmosphere?

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VANDERBILT HUSTLER: For starters, what is BD: I don't know that 10 years ago, Vanderbilt's climate would have been as accepting at least in the manner it has been now. But I think Vanderbilt is excited about the possibility of showing how inclusive a community it can be. I think Vanderbilt is trying to attract the best and the brightest, and some of the best and the brightest happen to not fall into the Greek life that already existed here. I think having the option for different types of people will help Vanderbilt in a lot of ways.

VH: What are you most excited about for DLP?

BD: I'm really excited how the Greek community and the Vanderbilt community in general have embraced DLP. Vanderbilt has been very supportive of us and has given us a lot of resources that have enabled us to grow.

VH: How many members do you currently have, and how do you plan to branch out

BD: We have nine members right now in our Alpha class. We will induct our Beta Pledge class on Sept. 18, and we will be inducting our Gamma class in the middle of January. One of our main goals this year is to increase and diversify our membership.

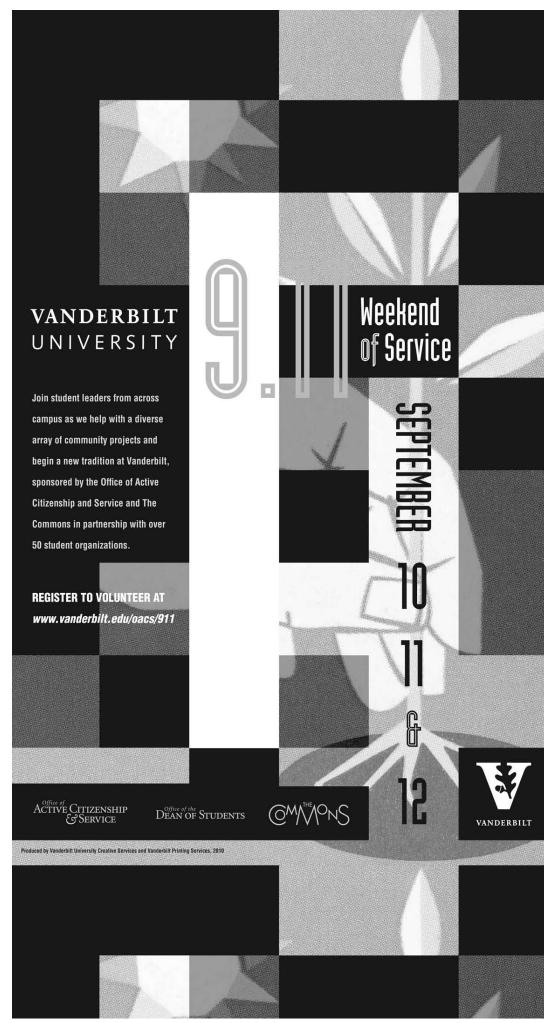
JE: Also we would like to build new relationships with other Greek organizations.

VH: Does DLP have any events planned for this year?

BD: Yes, we are partnering with Vandy Cares and Vanderbilt Service and Public Policy for the Sept. 11 Day of Service. We will be helping them run an HIV/AIDS education session. Students will be trained to administer a blood-free HIV test. Training will last one day, and at the end of training, students will be certified to administer the test.

JE: Specifically, it is a rapid-oral swab HIV test, so it's a blood-free test. We have some more upcoming events as well. We are doing the Nashville Cares Walk for AIDS on Oct. 2.

in the spring and a brotherhood retreat. We attend all the national and regional conferences for DLP. ■





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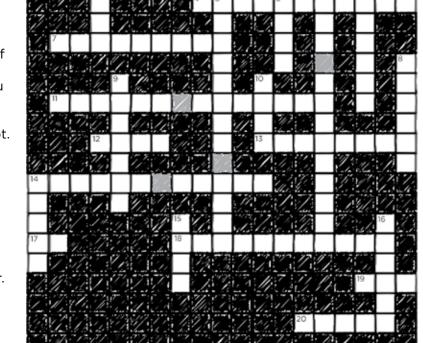
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SPORTS

BLACK AND GOLD BREAKDOWN

The Vanderbilt **Hustler Sports** Staff takes an up-close look at this year's Commodore football team, giving you the lowdown on each position group. Their season starts Sept. 4 against Northwestern.



DANIEL BUBOIS/ VU Media Relations

QUARTERBACKS

LJ RADER Sports Writer

Redshirt junior Larry Smith should be the signal caller under center come Sept. 4. Smith is the only quarterback on Vandy's roster that's thrown a Division I pass, and he'll bring the experience and leadership needed to compete in the SEC. Jockeying for the backup job will be JUCO transfer Jordan Rodgers; redshirt senior Jared Funk; and redshirt freshman Charlie Goro. Although Funk has yet to throw a completion, his strong preseason position has given the coaches confidence in the depth at quarterback. Rodgers, younger brother of Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers, joined Vanderbilt after putting up record numbers at Butte Community College. Goro was a two-time captain of his high school team and was named an EA Sports All American Quarterback. Smith has the tools to make some noise, it's just a matter of him pulling everything together. ■



JUSTIN MENESTRINA/ The Vanderbilt Hustler

Larry Smith, fresh off winning the starting job, will lead the Commodores on offense to start the season.

Q&A with **LARRY SMITH**

redshirt junior quarterback, #10

- Q: HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE BACK AT PRACTICE, BACK AT SCHOOL, WORKING WITH YOUR **RECEIVERS?**
- A: "It feels pretty good to be practicing football; as far as the school situation, not too excited about that. (Laughs) I'm just playing. But yeah, going into my junior season, I'm really excited and just ready to get things going Sept. 4 against Northwestern."
- Q: WHAT STEPS HAVE YOU TAKEN THIS OFFSEASON TO MAKE YOURSELF A BETTER PLAYER?
- A: "Just trying to work on every facet of my game, whether it's studying more film, working on my accuracy, speeding up my delivery (or) doing a lot of footwork drills. I'm just trying to improve."
- Q: NOW THAT YOU'RE ONE OF THE VETERANS ON THE TEAM, HOW HAVE THINGS CHANGED WITH **YOUR TEAMMATES?**
- A: "(Seems) like yesterday ... three years ago when I came in, I was looking up to guys like Chris Nickson and MacKenzie Adams, and now I'm in their position, so it's something different for me. I think last year kind of really bettered my chances of being a better leader this year, being that I got a lot of experience ... playing, and I think going into this year, I'm feeling more comfortable (in) that leadership role."
- Q: HAVE YOU TALKED AT ALL WITH CHRIS (NICKSON) ABOUT BEING AN UPPERCLASSMAN AND **BEING IN THIS POSITION?**
- A: "I actually talked to him a month or so ago, and he was saying just stay in there and stay focused, be a leader of the team, play the best I can and just try to help the team any way possible."
- Q: HOW IS LIFE UNDER NEW HEAD COACH ROBBIE CALDWELL?

contribute as much as I can."

A: "Life is good right now — things haven't really changed as far as coaching situations. We added Coach (Herb) Hand from Tulsa; he's a really good coach. And Coach Caldwell, he's a really funny guy. He's a player's coach he always keeps us laughing while were out here practicing, but, at the same time, we know it's serious. But yeah, he still has the comical jokes and stuff, trying to relax us, so I'd say it's pretty fun playing under him."

RUNNING BACKS

STEVE SCHINDLER

Sports Writer The Commodores boast a talented tandem of sophomore running backs in Warren Norman and Zac Stacy, which could be a scary combination for opponents to deal with. Norman is coming off a season in which he served as an all-purpose threat for Vanderbilt, as he rushed for 783 rushing yards and also returned three kickoffs for touchdowns. The 2009 SEC Freshman of the Year racked up 1,941 all-purpose yards, in effect breaking Herschel Walker's SEC single-season freshman all-purpose yardage record. Stacy got off to a fast start last season, though nagging injuries slowed him down. Given a fully healthy season, Stacy could potentially have a season similar to Norman's last year. Stacy finished the season as the team's second leading rusher behind Norman with 478 yards and three touchdowns on 107 carries. The Commodores will also be looking for contributions from redshirt freshman Wesley Tate, who impressed many with his work on the scout team last season, and senior Kennard Reeves. Fullback Ryan Van Rensburg, a run blocking specialist, will guide the way for these talented young runners in what is sure to be a season where running the football will

be the primary option for the

Commodores. ■



Despite changing his number from 27 to 5 this season, Warren Norman looks to remain Vanderbilt's top play-making threat.

Q&A with **WARREN NORMAN**

sophomore running back, #5

- Q: HOW HAS THE TRANSITION BEEN FROM COACH JOHNSON TO COACH CALDWELL? WHAT
- CHANGES, IF ANY, HAVE YOU NOTICED? A: "Of course, Coach Johnson retiring ... has been a big shock to the team and was very disappointing, but we're all taking this with a positive attitude; we're working just as hard on the field and in the weight room, trying
- Q: LAST YEAR YOU HAD 1,941 ALL-PURPOSE YARDS AND RETURNED THREE KICKS FOR TOUCHDOWNS. DO YOU TAKE PRIDE IN BEING A DUAL THREAT PLAYER?
- A: "Definitely. I mean, I don't think of it too much as being a dual threat. I'm just trying to get on the field and
- Q: IS THERE ANY DIFFERENT MINDSET OR ATTITUDE YOU HAVE WHEN YOU RETURN KICKS AS
- **OPPOSED TO RUNNING THE FOOTBALL?** A: "For me, it's the same mental process. When you're getting the ball, you're getting the ball, whether it's returning kicks or getting the ball from the quarterback."
- Q: LAST SEASON YOU GUYS HAD A LOT OF INJURIES AND SOME INEXPERIENCE AND, AS A RESULT, ONLY SCORED SIX TOUCHDOWNS IN SEC PLAY. HOW DO YOU TURN THINGS AROUND THIS YEAR? DO YOU THINK A LITTLE MORE EXPERIENCE UNDER YOUR BELTS, ESPECIALLY FOR LARRY
- SMITH, WILL GO A LONG WAY? A: "Absolutely. I mean, I think (Larry getting that extra year under his belt is) one of the biggest things. Quarterback is the most important position on the field, so Larry having that extra year is definitely (going to) help the offense score more than last year."
- Q: LAST YEAR, THE OFFENSE RANKED 119TH IN TIME OF POSSESSION. HOW MUCH OF A RESPONSIBILITY DO YOU TAKE, ALONG WITH ZAC STACY AND YOUR OTHER FELLOW RUNNING
- BACKS, IN MOVING THE CHAINS AND KEEPING THE OFFENSE ON THE FIELD? A: "I kind of think it's a complete offense thing. I don't really put it on one particular position, but it's very important,
- and it's something we only take pride in and are focusing on this year."
- Q: WHAT ARE THE PERSONAL AND TEAM GOALS THAT YOU HAVE SET FOR YOURSELF THIS **OFFSEASON?**
- A: "Personally, I don't set any goals. I just want to come out here and win every football game, and I'm sure that's everyone's goal."
- Q: IS THERE A PART OF YOUR GAME YOU'VE LOOKED TO IMPROVE SPECIFICALLY? A: "I want to get better in everything I do, of course, but one thing I've been looking at is my blocking. ... Other

than that I just want to improve as a complete back."

WIDE RECEIVERS

ERIC SINGLE

Asst. Sports Editor

Last year, Vanderbilt learned firsthand the challenges of breaking two young receivers into starting roles in the SEC. As the 2010 season draws closer, the pressure is on those two returnees to give a promising group of freshmen a chance to grow into consistent offensive contributors at their own pace.

Redshirt sophomore John Cole and redshirt junior Udom Umoh were the only two wide receivers with a touchdown catch in 2009, but in no way were the first-year starters satisfied with the performance of the receiving corps during the 2-10 campaign. No player posted a 100-yard receiving performance all season, and in all of Division I-A (FBS) only Army scored fewer touchdowns through the air than the Commodores.

The arrival on campus of freshmen Jordan Matthews, Chris Boyd, Jonathan Krause and Trent Pruitt gives Vanderbilt a wealth of youth and depth at receiver. At 6-feet-3-inches and 6-feet-4-inches respectively, Boyd and Matthews are taller, more physical receiving threats, while burners Krause and Pruitt will look to duplicate Cole's efficiency as an undersized but reliable pass-catcher.

Breakout efforts from Cole and Umoh this season could put the Vanderbilt offense in position to make significant progress not only in 2010, but also in the next few seasons as a strong pool of young talent matures into a polished, proficient corps of pass-catchers. ■



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John Cole, who led the Commodores in receiving yards last season, returns as their No. 1 option.

Q&A with **JOHN COLE**

redshirt sophomore wide receiver, #83

- O: DO YOU THINK THE PASSING GAME HAS THE POTENTIAL TO DRAMATICALLY INCREASE ITS **PRODUCTION FROM LAST YEAR?**
- A: "We've looked good in camp, and I think it's no secret we've got to improve on the passing game ... We're working to do that, and I think we will this year."
- Q: WILL THE INCREASED ATTENTION ON THE RUNNING GAME ALLOW THE RECEIVERS TO CATCH **DEFENSES BY SURPRISE?**
- A: "That's how football is, you've got to throw the ball to open up running lanes, and that's what we're hoping to do. Zac (Stacy) and Warren (Norman) are two tremendous tailbacks; they're going to have a big role on the offense, and we have to open lanes for them."
- Q: WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN FROM INCOMING FRESHMEN RECEIVERS JORDAN MATTHEWS AND CHRIS **BOYD THAT YOU'VE LIKED SO FAR?**
- A: "Physicality. They're big, tall receivers, and that's something that we need, especially in the red zone. We've had trouble scoring down there, and that's a threat. They're having a good camp, and we look for them to make
- Q: DO YOU AND UDOM UMOH TAKE A SIGNIFICANT LEADERSHIP ROLE IN HELPING OUT THE **YOUNGER RECEIVERS?**
- A: "Absolutely. That's what you've got to do. It's tough to come in here, your first camp's kind of a little bit scary, and we're trying to help them through it, and they're doing a great job."

Q: WHAT HAVE YOU SEEN FROM LARRY SMITH THIS OFFSEASON?

- A: "The main thing that I've noticed from him is leadership, the difference from last year to this one. He's taken it in stride well, and he knows it's his team. The offense needs leadership, and he's been great with that. And we've got to help him by catching balls — it takes two to hook up on the passing side of the offense, so that's what we're trying to do for him."
- Q: YOU EXPRESSED YOUR FRUSTRATION WITH DROPPED PASSES MULTIPLE TIMES LAST SEASON. WHAT CAN RECEIVERS DO TO IMPROVE IN THAT RESPECT?
- A: "You've got to catch balls. That's muscle memory. The majority of the time you drop a ball, it's concentration, and that's what we're trying to eliminate. It's something that plaqued us in the past, and we all worked really hard in the summer catching balls — that's for the whole receiving corps, and it's something we've got to do." ■

TIGHT ENDS

STEVE SCHINDLER Sports Writer

The tight end position is one of the Commodores thinnest. Following the season-ending injury of junior Austin Monahan, the Commodores are left with very little depth. Monahan was looking to team with fellow junior Brandon Barden at the tight end position. Unfortunately, this is the third year in a row Monahan has missed major amounts of time due to injury. Barden is still healthy and could be an X factor for the Vanderbilt offense. The 6-foot-5inch junior averages 12.3 yards per catch and made a reception in every game but one. Freshman Mason Johnston will serve as the second tight end and will have to mature quickly in order for the Commodores to succeed. ■



CHRIS PHARE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler Brandon Barden will likely be one of Larry Smth's primary targets in the passing game.

Q&A with **BRANDON BARDEN**

redshirt junior tight end, #6

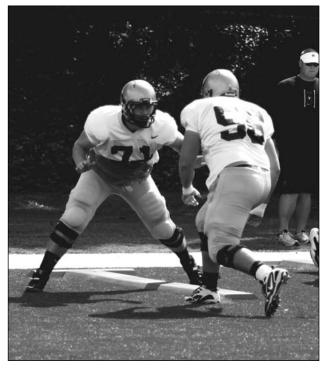
- Q: BEING HERE FOR THREE YEARS NOW, YOU'VE REALLY GOTTEN TO SEE THE ENTIRE OFFENSE GROW. WHAT CAN WE **EXPECT OUT OF THIS YEAR'S GROUP? DO YOU SEE SPECIFIC AREAS TO IMPROVE?**
- A: "Well definitely as a whole offensive staff I feel we need to improve. I think we did the proper things to do that. I think overall we should put up a lot of good numbers, and I think we're going to come out and surprise a bunch of people with our offense."
- Q: THE OFFENSE SEEMED TO STRUGGLE WITH PUTTING THE BALL IN THE END ZONE LAST YEAR, ONLY RECORDING SIX TOUCHDOWNS IN SEC PLAY. HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT FIXING THIS PROBLEM AND ESTABLISHING A MINDSET OF BEING **ABLE TO FINISH DRIVES?**
- A: "Well, right now it's hard. Right now we have a lot of injuries, but we've been working on that. We've been working on a lot of red zone plays so when we get down there we can practice how to handle certain situations and see what the defense will run against these plays. So I think we're more prepared now then we've ever been, especially in the red zone area to put the ball in the end zone."
- Q: HOW IMPORTANT IS IT TO OFFENSIVE CHEMISTRY TO HAVE SOME RETURNING STARTERS LIKE LARRY SMITH, WARREN **NORMAN, JOHN COLE AND UDOM UMOH?**
- A: "It is easier to get in a groove as an offense because first of all everybody already knows and is comfortable with all the plays. Larry has matured a lot since last year, which was his first year. We've seen good growth from the returning starters, and the new starters are catching on very well."
- Q: YOU ARE CLEARLY ONE OF THE VETERANS AND LEADERS ON THE OFFENSIVE SIDE OF THE BALL. WHAT ADDED RESPONSIBILITIES HAS THIS BROUGHT TO YOU AND HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT IT?
- A: "Well, you know, I don't really do as much vocal, but I try to keep everybody fired up. I try to do most of it with my playing. If somebody makes a play, we're jumping on them and cheering them on. I'm always goofing off and trying to have a good time no matter what. I like to keep everybody's morale up and pretty much just keep everybody on the same page and keep everybody hyped up."

OFFENSIVE LINE

PETER LETARTE

Sports Writer

The offensive line had been drawing the biggest question marks of any unit for the Commodores this year - and that was before they lost starting right tackle James Williams due to academic ineligibility. Lone returning starter Kyle Fischer will resume his place at guard, but after that, there are many holes to fill. Several young players will be charged with keeping this unit productive. In addition, redshirt sophomore offensive tackle Ryan Seymour and team captain and senior center Joe Bailey will face the daunting task of stepping up to replace graduated offensive line stalwarts Thomas Welch and Bradley Vierling. With old O-line Coach Robbie Caldwell's promotion to head coach, it will be up to the newly hired Herb Hand to find the right mixture of the few veterans remaining and the inexperienced youth of his unit to ensure the safety and productivity of Vanderbilt's young but promising backfield. ■



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Joey Bailey leads a young and inexperienced Commodore

Q&A with **JOEY BAILEY**

CALDWELL?

redshirt senior center, #71

O: WHAT IS NEW OFFENSIVE LINE COACH HERB HAND LIKE, AND HOW IS HE DIFFERENT THAN COACH

- A: "He's a great guy, really fiery, passionate about what he does, he knows the game. The sky's the limit for us under him. (He and Caldwell) are very similar. He's a lot younger so he's got a lot more energy ... He's going to get after you, he's going to yell at you, and he's going to let you know when you mess up. It's a good change."
- Q: HOW WILL YOUR UNIT DEAL WITH THE LOSS OF SEVERAL KEY MEMBERS OF YOUR LINE TO THINGS **SUCH AS INJURY AND ACADEMIC INELIGIBILITY?**
- A: "We've got to stick together. Two years ago people were asking the same question: 'How are you going to replace five starters?' And we replaced them and went to a bowl game, so I'm not too worried about that. We've been out here every day working hard, and we've gotten a lot better since day one ... we're just going to keep
- O: HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE LEVEL OF COHESION AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE OFFENSIVE **LINE THIS YEAR?**
- A: "We do everything together: Meetings, in the locker room, eating dinner together ... we're together all the time. We're all brothers, we're all family in there, and that's the attitude we take with us every day."
- Q: WHAT HAS BEEN THE OFFENSIVE LINE'S ATTITUDE IN THEIR APPROACH TO HOW THEY PRACTICE THIS YEAR?
- A: "We try to make it as fun as we can. The life of an offensive lineman is not glorious or fun, so we just go out there and try and make everything we do entertaining and fun for us. We want to keep the level of excitement up."

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR PERSONAL GOALS FOR THIS YEAR?

A: "I want this team to win, that's all I want to do. I want to help this team win and get us back to a bowl game. I want to prove to everybody that last year was a fluke season ... and I'll take as many pancakes as I can get."

CALDWELL: number of players need to step up

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VH: Since you've been focusing on Northwestern, what is your initial take on them? What kind of unique challenges do they going to present in week one?

RC: They're a very well-coached football team. They're very precise, very disciplined; they're where they are supposed to be. Obviously, like us, they have a lot of intelligence on the team, which they've utilized to the best of their ability. They also have talented players, but their discipline in their system has served them well and obviously has paid off for them.

VH: With the season so close to starting, the team is going to need some breakout players. From camp and what you've seen, what are some names that fans may not know right now but that could really step up by season's end?

offensive line.

RC: That's a great question. On the defensive side, you have people like Andre Hal, Andre Simmons, Carl Butler and Eric Samuels, who are young guys and are going to have to contribute. At the linebacker position, Nate Campbell's back — he's been injured — but that will be a name from the past that wasn't there last year; DeAndre

Jones and Chase Garnham, a true

freshman, will be contributing. On VH: Obviously, there were some the defensive front, Kyle Woestman and Jared Morse are going to get some time. ... On the offensive line we have James Kittredge and Logan Stewart who are going to have to help us as well as Mylon Brown, a redshirt freshman. In the receiving core, Chris Boyd, Jordan Matthews and Jonathon Krause are three guys that have a great opportunity to play early. At running back, Wesley Tate was redshirted last year and is injured ... but hopefully he'll be back. We may see Jordan Rodgers play some quarterback if his shoulder gets

adjustments the team had to make when you became coach. What kind of adjustments did your family have to make? I know you're a big family man.

RC: They've learned to be independent without me right now (laughs). My wife and daughter mean the world to me, and nothing will ever replace that. I have a 15-year-old daughter, and she knows that any time she can be around me that's what I want; but she also rides horses and competes on a national

VH: One last question: After SEC Media

scale, so she stays pretty busy.

Day, which was like your personal coming-out party, were you at all surprised by how much of a reaction your press conference

RC: Yes, I was. Quite frankly, it was very surprising. I've always believed in being (myself) and being honest. I answered every question and attacked everything with honesty because I'm not smart enough to remember what I said if I lied to you (laughs). I think that was really refreshing to them because everything is so guarded or offthe-wall sometimes, but I was just very honest and really enjoyed it. I had a lot of fun with it. ■

DEFENSIVE LINE

PETER LETARTE Sports Writer

The defensive line has been one of the most formidable units for Vanderbilt's excellent defense over the past couple of years, and this year's unit will have to replicate that same intensity for the defense to perform at a similar level. While the other defensive units return several key starters, the defensive line returns only Adam Smotherman who is expected to miss at least some of the season's early goings while recovering from an ACL tear. Like the offensive line, the defensive line will need to rely heavily on some of its younger members to pick up the slack and perform at a high level early on. Nevertheless, expectations remain high due to the improved level of play of promising young players such as T.J. Greenstone, Rob Lohr, Colt Nichter and Walker May in camp. ■



ZACHARY HARDY/ The Vanderbilt Hustler T.J. Greenstone and his defensive line teammates warm up in anticipation for the regular season opener.

Q&A with T.J. GREENSTONE

redshirt junior tackle, #74

Q: HOW WILL YOU GUYS DEAL WITH THE INJURY OF SENIOR DEFENSIVE TACKLE ADAM SMOTHERMAN UNTIL HIS RETURN?

A: "It's hard to lose a leader like that, but we're not really worried about replacing him. We knew he was going to be out in the spring, so we've had guys getting ready. It wasn't a spur of the moment thing. We've had guys preparing with the mindset that they're going to be a starter. Rob Lohr and Colt Nichter have both stepped up tremendously in that department."

Q: WHAT DOES YOUR UNIT NEED TO DO IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THE DEFENSE IS AT THE SAME LEVEL OF PLAY THAT YOU GUYS HAVE BEEN AT FOR THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS?

A: "We've got to step the intensity up a little bit. We started out great towards the beginning of camp, but then camp starts to get to you a little bit. We've been a little flat these last couple of days, but I think we've got some good things in store. We've got to stay intense, and we've got to keep playing fast and use the speed of the SEC that we do have."

Q: WHAT'S YOUR LEVEL OF COMPETITION WITH OFFENSIVE LINE IN PRACTICE LIKE?

A: "Well, they've gotten leaps and bounds better than at the beginning. We had our way with them a little at the beginning, but they put up a fight every day in practice now. Our coaches have had to change the way we've been playing against them, and it builds a good sense of camaraderie. We love fighting against each other. We'll go out here to practice and knock heads, and then back in the locker room we're best friends."

Q: WHAT DO SOME OF THE YOUNGER GUYS WHO COULD SEE PLAYING TIME THIS YEAR BRING TO YOUR UNIT?

A: "Depth. Last year we played with only three defensive tackles and we were one of the only teams in the nation to do so. Being one of them meant a real beating on the body, and it was rough. It's nice to have that big time depth, especially with the strides that young guys have been making. We're looking forward to having that depth so that our guys don't have to go out there and take a beating every day." ■

LIMEBACKERS

MEGHAN ROSE

Sports Editor

This year's linebackers will be under the capable leadership of versatile redshirt junior Chris Marve. The Commodores will look to the co-captain to fill the void left by the graduation of Patrick Benoist. Marve, a 2009 All-SEC selection, returns for his junior campaign with Vanderbilt, seeking his third consecutive season with 100-plus tackles. Last year, Marve finished second in the Southeastern Conference, with 121 tackles. Alongside Marve, senior John Stokes and redshirt junior Nate Campbell return healthy for the Commodores this season. Vanderbilt will look to its youth to step up in a big way, as the underclassmen will have the at linebacker this fall. ■



SCOTT CARDONE/ The Vanderbilt Hustler opportunity to compete for playing time Linebacker Chris Marve is one of four co-captains who will be relied upon heavily this season.

Q&A with CHRIS MARVE

redshirt junior linebacker, #13

Q: AS A JUNIOR, HOW WILL YOU BE A STEADYING FORCE FOR THE DEFENSE THIS SEASON?

A: "It's a huge honor, and I'm grateful to be in the position I'm in. My teammates elected me captain, and I'm humbled by it. I just need to lead by example and give it a 110 percent effort every chance I get."

Q: WITH THE KICKOFF OF THE SEASON ONLY DAYS AWAY, WHAT'S GOING THROUGH YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW? A: "I am very excited for our game on Sept. 4. It's been a long offseason, and the game can't get here any faster."

Q: HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR INDIVIDUAL GOALS THIS SEASON FITTING INTO THE TEAM'S MENTALITY AND **APPROACH ON THE WHOLE?**

A: "What I want is for our defense to go out and execute every chance that we get, and for everyone to be on the same page so we can go out and win some games. If we all go out and do our job, then any personal goals that anyone has will fall into place."

Q: HOW DOES THE OFFENSE, DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS UNIT WORK IN SYNC WITH ONE ANOTHER?

A: "We encourage each other. We're all a team, and we're all in it together. Everybody goes out and does their job. Everybody has to make plays when plays need to be made. Everyone has to prepare mentally and physically and go out and do it."

Q: WHAT DO YOU DO TO PREPARE FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL OPPONENT?

A: "... Our coaches come up with a great game plan for us every week. I just try to learn it, go out every chance I get and execute it to the max. Every play, every chance I have, I just go out and do my job." ■

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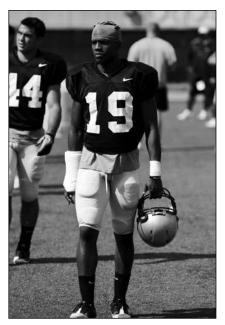
Asst. Sports Editor

The Commodores are no strangers to the process of reloading in the secondary after losing a star to the NFL, and their depth will be tested once again this season.

In 2009, the pass defense improved from 15th to ninth in the nation and allowed 10 yards less per game after the departure of standout defensive back D.J. Moore. This year the task of replacing playmaking corner Myron Lewis falls to junior Casey Hayward, leader of a secondary that saw plenty of the field last season due to safety Ryan Hamilton's season-ending injury sustained against LSU.

Redshirt junior Jamie Graham returns from an experimental period at receiver to focus on the cornerback spot opposite Hayward. Sophomore Eddie Foster recorded 17 tackles, two interceptions and a sack in four starts at the nickel back position in his freshman season and is expected to see more playing time in passing situations.

Junior Sean Richardson returns as one of the most experienced players on the defense and will be joined at the other safety spot by redshirt freshman Jay Fullam. Freshman Kenny Ladler enrolled in school in the spring and will provide some depth behind Richardson and Fullam.



SCOTT CARDONE/The Vanderbilt Hustler Defensive back Casey Hayward looks to become another successful No. 1 cornerback for the Commodores.

Q&A with **CASEY HAYWARD**

junior cornerback, #19

Q: WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON STEPPING INTO THE NO. 1 CORNERBACK ROLE THAT D.J. MOORE AND MYRON LEWIS HAVE WORKED OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF YEARS TO ESTABLISH AS A **STRENGTH OF THIS TEAM?**

A: "I tried to look to both D.J. and Myron to get better since I've been here, (tried) to ... take a little from each one of their games. I've learned a lot from both of them."

O: HAS THE DEFENSE PLACED ANY KIND OF SPECIAL FOCUS ON CREATING TURNOVERS THIS

A: "Definitely. More interceptions — we only had 12 last year, and we want to beat 20 every year. So we definitely want to get more interceptions and more fumbles, more fumble recoveries and

O: WHAT'S YOUR MINDSET FOR FACING THE SEC'S TOP RECEIVERS EVERY WEEK?

A: "No catches. I (need to) stop them from catching the ball every time I get a chance."

Q: TALK ABOUT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH SAFETY SEAN RICHARDSON AND HOW YOU BOTH HAVE STEPPED UP AS LEADERS IN THE SECONDARY.

A: "(Sean and I) definitely became leaders in the secondary since we're some of the oldest. Sean and I have a good relationship, and Sean's one of my better friends here. We talk (almost) every day about football and other things."

Q: WHAT'S IT LIKE HAVING JAMIE GRAHAM WORKING IN THE SECONDARY FULL-TIME THIS PRESEASON?

A: "It's a plus, having another playmaker on the other side of you so you don't have to worry about the ball getting thrown there that much. So we have another playmaker and it helps out." ■

SPECIAL TEAMS

JACKSON MARTIN

Sports Writer

In 2010 the Commodores will once again rely on strong special team play to level the playing field for the offense and defense. With 2009 freshman All-SEC selection Ryan Fowler returning as the placekicker, the field goal unit appears to be set. Fowler, looking to improve on his 16-21 performance last season, will be backed up by freshman Carey Spear, a highly regarded recruit who made a 61-yard field goal

The punting unit does not appear to be as set. The Commodores must replace four year starter and 2008 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl MVP Brett Upson. Redshirt sophomore Richard Kent appears to have won the starting role with strong performances in the spring and summer practices. Fowler is currently second on the depth chart, with Spear in

The true strength of the Commodore's special teams unit, however, lies in the return game. All-SEC sophomore Warren Norman will again return kickoffs. As a freshman, Norman tied the SEC record with three kickoffs returned for touchdowns. The punt returning duty will be filled by John Cole, Zac Stacy or Jamie Graham, but with Stacy and Graham recently injured, it appears to be Cole's job to lose. ■



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL/ The Vanderbilt Hustler Ryan Fowler makes a field goal during practice. He looks to continue his hot streak from late last season.

Q&A with **RYAN FOWLER**

redshirt sophomore kicker, #19

Q: YOU MADE THE ALL-SEC TEAM LAST YEAR; WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO PREPARE FOR THE **UPCOMING SEASON?**

A: "Well, this summer I was at home, and I was working out with my dad. The big thing is just working out and kicking. I got a schedule from Coach Sisk, the strength and conditioning coach, and he gave me some stuff to do during the week, I would go out and kick two or three times. I mean really it's just going out there and focusing on each kick and making sure that I'm ready for whenever the team calls on me."

Q: HOW IS THE CHEMISTRY DEVELOPING WITH THE SNAPPER, THE HOLDER AND YOURSELF?

A: "Well, we've been working since the spring, David Gellar, Richard Kent and me. (Gellar) is the snapper, and (Kent) is my holder. We've been working since the spring, and we've got a great confidence in each other. And we'll go out there, and we'll work every day ... Sometimes, like today, we had a bobbled snap, but it's good that we get that stuff out in practice. And those guys are a huge part of why I do (well), and I have the confidence in those guys to step up when I need them to."

Q: WITH FOUR KICKERS AND PUNTERS ON THE ROSTER, HOW HAVE YOU DEALT WITH HAVING TO

COMPETE EVERY DAY IN PRACTICE? A: "It's healthy, it's good for you. It keeps you focused out there. It's good to have somebody back there that's pushing you, and it's good because at the same time I'm backing up punting, so I'm pushing the punter at the same time. So I mean, we've got competition everywhere, we push each other, and we make sure (we're all) ready for when the season starts."

Q: ARE YOU TAKING KICKOFF DUTIES THIS YEAR?

A: "We'll see. We have this freshman kid who kicks the ball pretty (well), but we don't know yet. We're just going out there and competing at it—but it's pretty much up in the air right now."

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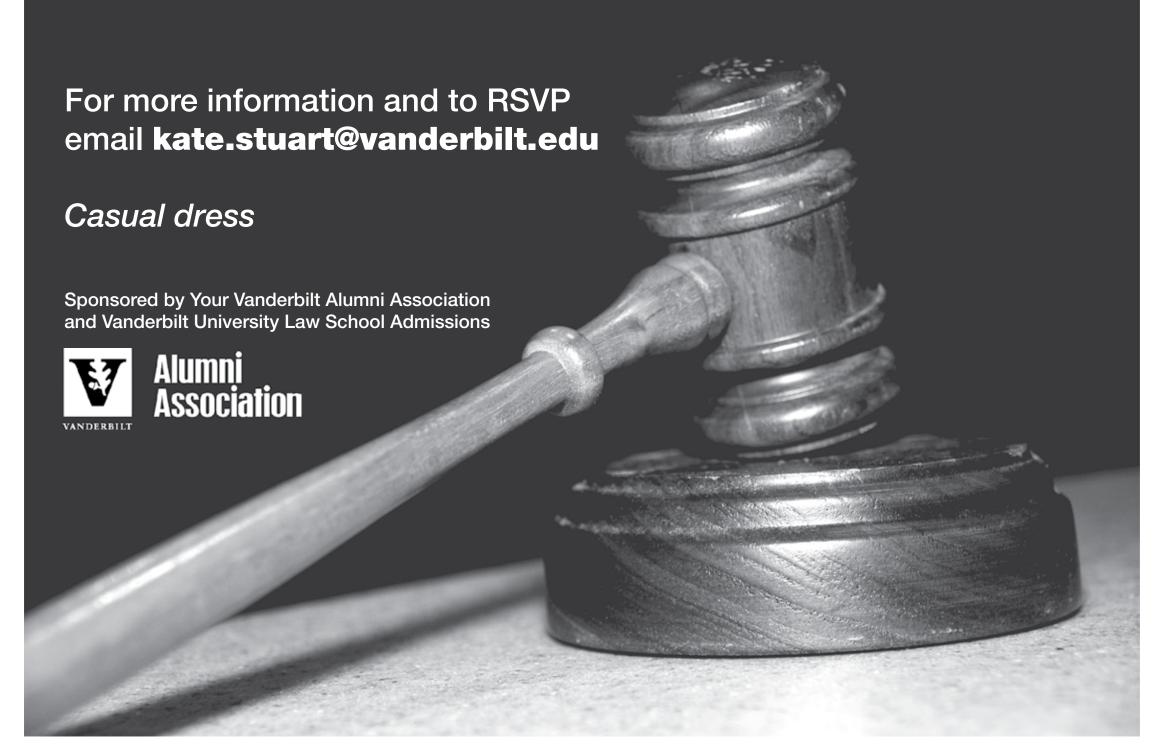
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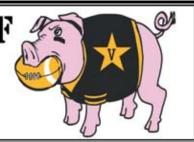
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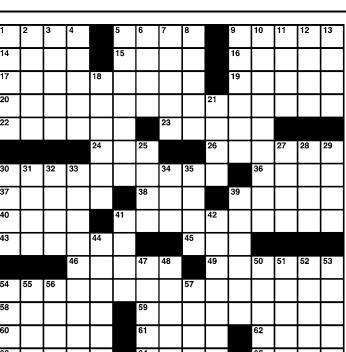
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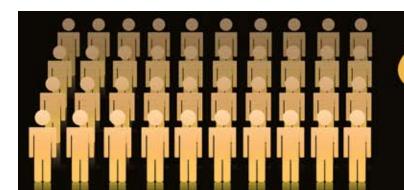
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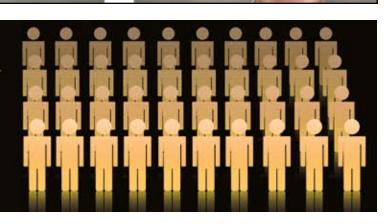
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STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF MEET YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR TONS OF DOOR PRIZES AND VENDOR GIVEAWAYS

Vanderbilt Student Media and the Student Life Center are hosting the annual "Welcome to Nashville Fair" on August 30. It is open to all Vanderbilt students, faculty and staff.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

This is a great chance to meet your local merchants, many of whom are within walking distance of the campus. Each vendor will have a booth and we encourage you to visit as many as you can. They will go out of their way to make it worth your while with free food, product samples, coupons and much more. Restaurants, Wireless communication providers, Eyewear stores, Salons, Banks, Fitness, Fashion, Sports Venues, Tanning Salons, and much more will be represented at the event.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

Many vendors are donating nice door prizes that represent their industry. That means that there will be a door prize given away to a student, faculty or staff member about every 5 minutes over a 3-hour period! Plus- many vendors will be giving away freebies, coupons, discounts and more! These vendors want your business and they will make it worth your while to show up. Free snacks and beverages provided by the Student Life Center.

IS THERE ANY MUSIC THERE?

YES! The dueling pianos from The Big Bang will be providing our musical entertainment again this year. They work hard to make sure everyone is having a great time.

WHAT ABOUT GIVING OUT PERSONAL CONTACT INFORMATION?

We are asking vendors not to ask for personal information (e-mail, phone number, etc) but if there is a legitimate reason for giving out your personal contact information, (Example-some banks will need your personal contact info to process your application) ultimately it's up to you. We don't want to encourage spam e-mailings.

Following is a partial list of vendors who will be attending the Welcome to Nashville Fair and some of the give aways. Many vendors will be donating generous door prizes to encourage you to stop by. In addition to door prizes, some vendors will be handing out coupons and offering discounts for goods and services. So come on out, make some new friends, and load up on freebies.

- 1. AMERICAN CELLULAR, MOTO ROKR BLUE TOOTH STEREO HEADPHONES-\$130.00 VALUE
- 2. AT&T, "TWO BLUETOOTH DEVICES- \$50 EACH"
- 3. ATHLETES HOUSE, \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 4. BANK OF AMERICA
- 5. BIG BANG, FREE HAPPY HOUR PARTY AND MORE- \$300 VALUE
- 6. CORNERSTONE FINANCIAL CREDIT UNION. \$100 VISA GIFT CARD
- 7. CVS PHARMACY, TWO \$100 GIFT CERT., \$50 GIFT CERT., CVS GIFT BASKET, 10 WATER BOTTLES
- 8. FIFTH THIRD BANK, \$100 MASTER CARD GIFT CARD
- 9. GRAYLINE, 2 NIGHT HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, DINNER, GUIDED TOUR
- 10. HOLIDAY INN, VANDERBILT GIFT BASKET
- 11. JET'S PIZZA
- 12. KAPLAN TEST PREP, FREE COURSE SCHOLARSHIP VALUED UP TO \$1,999
- 13. LEVY'S, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 14. NASHVILLE CAB, \$100 CAB VOUCHERS
- 15. NASHVILLE SYMPHONY, 2 SYMPHONY TICKETS
- 16. OFF THE GRILL
- 17. PIZZA HUT, 4 LARGE PIZZAS GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 18. QDOBA, 4 FREE ENTREES, 10 PERSON HOT TACO BAR (2 PRIZES)
- 19. QPONDAY.COM
- **20. REGIONS BANK**
- 21. SAM'S CLUB
- 22. SPRINT, 3G/4G HOT SPOT AND BLUETOOTH HEADSET \$350 VALUE
- 23. SUN TAN CITY, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 24. SUNTRUST BANK
- **25. TPAC,** *PAIR OF TICKETS TO 3 TPAC PRODUCTIONS*
- **26. VANDERBILT DENTAL CENTER**
- 27. VANDERBILT DONATE LIFE
- 28. VANDERBILT EYE INSTITUTE
- 29. VERIZON
- **30. WHOLE FOODS MARKET**