Don't worry – the crossword will return on Thursday. We're just as excited as you are.

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ARE WE HAPPY YET?

To mend ties with **religious organizations,** administration has reinstated the position of chaplain — leaving Rev. Mark Forrester with a **culture war to mediate**

By EMILY TORRESStaff reporter

Reverend Mark Forrester has been described as a "marathon-running, Monty-Python-loving, gourmet-cooking, deep-thinking leader." Now he is taking on a new role — Vanderbilt University's chaplain, a reestablished position that was originally eliminated in 2008.

Forrester is no stranger to Vanderbilt's religious community—he spent the last 18 years as a United Methodist minister associated with the university's Office of Religious Life and the Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship.

But his new position thrusts him into the center of a culture war between the university's administration and certain members of the campus religious community over the school's nondiscrimination policy, which prohibits faith-based groups from having belief requirements for membership and leadership positions.

"I can't say that I can make all this go away just instantly because it's going to take everybody really coming together and putting our minds and our hearts together in a spirit of conversation that's supported through prayer and mutual respect," Forrester said.

Although there is significant uncertainty as to when, or even if, the controversy surrounding Vanderbilt's "all-comers" policy will subside, one thing is certain — Forrester has his work cut out for him

Over a dozen groups decided not to comply with the policy last spring, including Vanderbilt Solidarity, an 11-group coalition that submitted applications in early April for registered status with constitutions containing faith-based requirements in an act of protest

Vanderbilt Catholic, advised by Fr. John Sims-Baker, is one of the groups that decided not to comply with the policy. Although he has been outspoken against the university's policy, Fr. Baker has voiced his support for Reverend Forrester.

"It is a godsend," Fr. Baker said, "When I heard the news, I was surprised and delighted."

Twenty-six faith-based groups did agree to comply with the policy, including the Wesley/Canterbury Fellowship, the university's on-campus Methodist student ministry center led by Forrester.

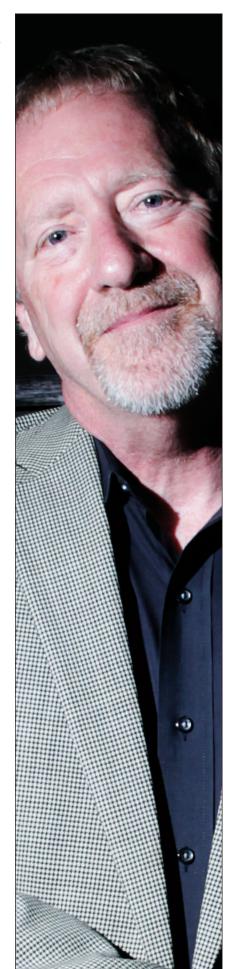
"I intend to approach each group and each religious leader as a pastor and as a friend with a listening ear and open heart. It's only until I can connect with people in that way that I can get a larger sense of what is really still in conflict so that I can advocate for the right kinds of remedies that can help us to move forward and get on to better things," Forrester said.

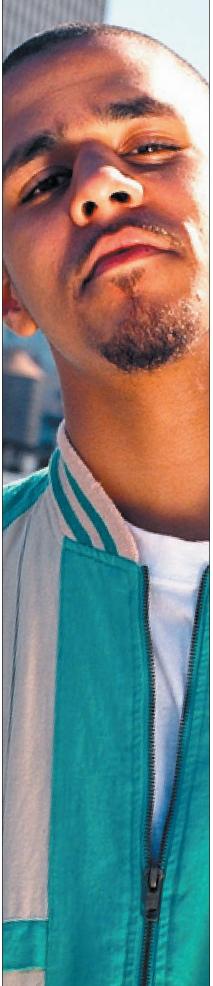
One of Forrester's supporters is Provost Richard McCarty, himself a lightning rod for criticism over the past year, most of it coming from conservative Christian groups who attacked his high-profile support for the university's position.

"I think some of (the healing on campus) will take time if that is resolvable. I think some groups may never find it comfortable to return. I really can't tell," McCarty said. "I think (talking to nonregistered groups) is the thing he should be doing. He's responsible in part for the Vanderbilt students."

As Vanderbilt's first chaplain since 2008 and the new director of the Office of Religious Life, Forrester said he intends to bring more visibility to religious life on campus as well as serve as the campus spiritual leader.

"My belief is that what is most vital about religious formation is that students start living in a more loving and hospitable way to each other. Not that we don't already, but more so as we come to terms with what disagreements we do have," Forrester said.





BYSTORM ENTERTAINMENT

After what some considered a disappointing lineup in 2011, VPB's Music Group will bring rappers **J. Cole** and **Childish Gambino** to the stage for Quake 2012

By KELLY HALOM
Life editor

With no alternative rock to break up its pair of hip-hop acts, this year's Commodore Quake with J. Cole and Childish Gambino will be a departure from a formula that has had its share of hits and misses in recent years.

Vanderbilt Programming Board's Music Group co-chair Mayank Bishnoi is well aware of how difficult it is to create a lineup for a university of over 12,500 people. Ticket sales are often driven by the greater Nashville community instead of the student body, and yet a lukewarm perception of the acts around campus can doom a show's energy before it starts.

"Because our student body is so diverse, it's tough to appease the entire student body because if you pick one genre, a lot of people won't like it," he said. "So it's hard to balance it out, which is why sometimes we have a lot of polarizing lineups. For example, when we had Snoop Dogg and Passion Pit, it was totally different genres, but it worked."

J. Cole was very much the unknown quantity by comparison when he opened for Wale and Jay-Z in a special concert held by the Music Group in November 2009, performing while students were still filing into their seats at Memorial Gym and then returning to the stage to join Jay-Z for "A Star Is Born." Three years and one chart-topping debut album later, J. Cole's name brings a little more weight among the general student body.

"J. Cole just got off a tour with Drake, and they sold out every single show in their tour, and it's really cool that he's coming right off that tour to play at Vanderbilt," Bishnoi

Friday's announcement of the 2012 lineup was certainly heavy on the hip-hop, but the cross-cultural entertainment appeal of Childish Gambino, the stage name of actor Donald Glover, has helped bring fans less familiar with the genre into the fold. Childish Gambino was among the most requested artists in the Music Group's student interest surveys, and the Music Group reached out to him based solely on the student response.

"He did the Community thing, so a lot of non-urban hiphop fans like him as well," Bishnoi said. "I think that more people that aren't into hip-hop have been really excited about Gambino. There's been a lot in the media saying that Gambino has been one of the best acts at Lollapalooza and Coachella, and we're really lucky to have him on our campus."

Though the announcement for the line-up was just released on Friday, the student reaction has been especially enthusiastic.

"It's been overwhelmingly positive," Bishnoi said. "I haven't heard one negative thing so far. Everyone's been really pumped about it."

While this year's show might not have something for everyone in terms of appealing to various genres, it will definitely be a high-energy line-up with a little more cohesion than years past.

"I think one of the things we improved on was making the lineup more cohesive than it was in previous years," Bishnoi said. "It's diverse enough that it brings different demographics together, but they still come together for a cohesive show. In the past, we've had artists from completely different genres and sometimes it works and sometimes it doesn't."

Armstrong mourns

Lance Armstrong was stripped of his seven Tour de France titles and permanently banned from the sport of cycling Friday after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency found him guilty of using performance-enhancing drugs.

Armstrong mourned

NOT-SO-SMART PHONES

A Silicon Valley jury recently found that some of Samsung's products illegally copied features and designs exclusive to Apple's iPhone and iPad.

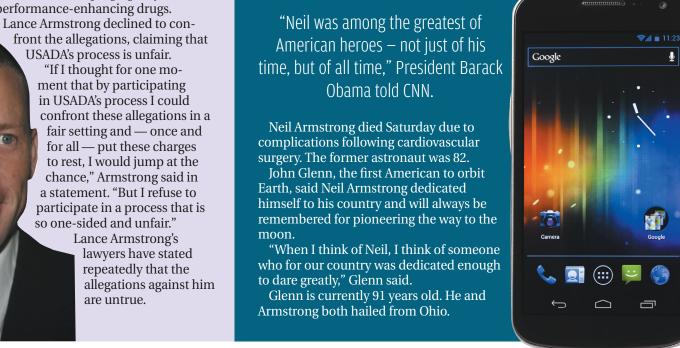
The verdict was narrowly tailored to only Samsung, which sold more than 22 million smart phones and tablets that Apple claimed used its technology.

Most other Apple competitors have used the Android system to produce similar technology, which could limit the features offered on all non-Apple phones, analysts said.

The companies could opt to pay Apple licensing fees for access to the technology or develop smarter technology to create similar features that don't violate the patent — at a cost likely to be passed onto consumers.

Apple lawyers are planning to ask that the two dozen Samsung devices found to have infringed its patents be barred from the U.S. market.

Associated Press contributed to this article.



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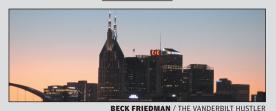
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Thursday's game is a blackout. That's what you wear, not what you're going to do." JAMES FRANKLIN, HEAD FOOTBALL COACH





MONDAY



Welcome to Nashville Fair

3-6 p.m.

Student Life Center

Discover the endless opportunities that lie just outside campus, or just take advantage of the giveaways, door prizes, coupons and other freebies provided by local and national businesses.

McGill Hour with Dr. John Lachs

Alumni Lawn McGill Hall TV Lounge Centennial Professor of Philosophy John Lachs will present the first topic of the year: "How to Make Life Meaningful." Food and drinks provided.



Project: BRIDGES Info Session

5-5:30 p.m. or 5:30-6 p.m. Buttrick 201

Learn about new service and cultural exchange opportunities through the new student organization that links students to refugees and immigrants here in Nashville.

WEDNESDAY

Open enrollment/change period ends 11 p.m.

World on Wednesdays: "Next Door

Neighbors" 12-1 p.m.

Student Life Center Lower Level Meeting

Rooms 1 and 2

Come enjoy presentations, informal conversation and topical lectures on global issues. Hosted by International Student and Scholar Services. Lunch provided.



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Kickoff Cookoff 2012!

5-7 p.m. Olin Lawn

Come support the Fannie Battle Day Home for Children while enjoying food by various Nashville restaurants, live music, a watermelon-eating contest, and the delicious products of a pie-baking contest. The card or cash accepted; \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.

THURSDAY

Wear black for College Colors Day!

Support the 'Dores and take advantage of Barnes and Nobles' 10% discount on one item of black apparel between now and Thursday.



Study Abroad and Passport Fair

Student Life Center Ballroom
Check out the plethora of study abroad opportunities; be one of the first 100 participants and win a free GEO tote bag. Passport applications available.

Football Season Opener vs. South Carolina

6-9:30 p.m.

Vanderbilt Stadium

Come support your 'Dores at the first game of the season.

FRIDAY

Wilson Music Library Annual Book Sale

8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Anne Potter Wilson Music Library Last day to purchase books, scores and recordings at a reduced price.



By EMILY TORRES Staff reporter

Who is Officer Don?

Officer Don Dennis is a member of VUPD. He has overseen the area around Greek Row for 15 years.

Where will Officer Don be this year? Officer Don is not being relocated. However, he will not

be patrolling Greek Row daily, as Vanderbilt Police will be adding new officers to the zone. "Officer Don Dennis is an incredibly valuable asset to

the fraternity and sorority community at Vanderbilt," said Director of Greek Life Kristin Shorter. "While there may be other officers that are taking on the primary responsibilities on Greek Row, Don will still be on campus assisting in other areas, and I am sure that his work will bring him back to the Greek area throughout the year."

Officer Don will be responsible for acclimating new officers to the Greek Row zone.

"He is helping other officers get acclimated to that zone so that we can better use our resources," said Major Greg

Robison, who oversees the Central Campus Precinct. "Last year, we only had one officer. There are a lot of events that go on in Greek Row. When Officer Don got sick, it threw us in a limbo. We had no one else that had been acclimated and used to the events of Greek Row."

Why is this change being made?

According to VUPD, having more officers on Greek Row will help them establish more relationships with the Vanderbilt community.

It is also a response to the need for wider coverage in the "Having only one person knowledgeable is not feasible,"

Robison said. "We want to have as many Don Dennises as possible on campus."

What does this mean for the Greek community at Vanderbilt?

"It means the same thing for Greek Row. There will be more officers to assist with Greek Row. These officers are giving friendly faces. We wanted to get more faces and a diversified group," Robison said.

Vanderbilt awarded for green efforts

By KATIE KROG News manager

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Row

With staffing

restructuring in

inhabitants and

visitors fear the

loss of beloved Of-

ficer Don, who has

worked the area

for 15 years now.

The Hustler staff

to rest at last -

be far away.

puts these rumors

Officer Don won't

VUPD, Greek Row

NEW ERA

on Greek

Vanderbilt University has been awarded a place on the 2012 Green Honor Roll published by The Princeton Review. Vanderbilt is among 21 universities to receive the distinction. Vanderbilt and the University of South Carolina are the only members of the Southeastern Conference on the Green

According to The Princeton Review's website, "The Green Rating is a measure of a school's performance as an environmentally aware and responsible institution on a scale of 60-99."

The Green Rating considers many different factors, including the health and sustainability of the quality of campus life, how well the school prepares students for the clean energy economy and environmentally-aware citizenship, and how environmentally responsible the school's policies are.

This distinction may have the potential to draw more students to Vanderbilt University. The Princeton Review surveyed 7,455 college applicants in its 2012 "College Hopes & Worries Survey." 68 percent of the respondents said that a college's environmental policies would affect their decision to apply or attend a school.

The Green Rating was developed by The Princeton Review in partnership with ecoAmerica, an environmental nonprofit organization that conducts environmental research.

"We commend the administrators, faculty and students at the schools on our "Green Rating" Honor Roll for their exemplary commitments to the environment in their practices, policies and program offerings," Princeton Review Senior Vice President and Publisher Robert Franek, told TPR Education.

To view the entire Green Honor Roll and for more information, visit http:// www.princetonreview.com/greenhonor-roll.aspx.

SERVING UP A GREENER CAMPUS



Green Cupcakes are served to go along with the theme of Green Work Day on Sept. 24, 2011. The event was done to promote environmental

Faculty background checks recalled



JOHN RUSSELL / VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Chancellor Zeppos addresses faculty members during the Fall Faculty Assembly at the Student Life Center. By SAM McBRIDE

Staff reporter

Roughly 200 Vanderbilt employees were mistakenly asked to submit their information to a company that runs background checks on Wednesday.

In an effort to take every precaution to protect minors on Vanderbilt's campus, around 4,000 employees that have been identified as working with minors have been asked to participate in background checks over the past several months.

However, on Wednesday, Aug. 22, an email was sent out requesting background checks from hundreds of Vanderbilt employees, some of whom were not on the list of those working with minors. An hour later, a second email was sent out to those employees not on the list instructing them to ignore the initial email.

The emails were sent from Michael Zonar, a Human Resources Representative at Vanderbilt University. When contacted, Mr. Zonar declined to comment on the emails and referred to his superior, Director of Talent Acquisition Candy Vanderbilt has placed an emphasis on its focus to protect

minors in light of the child abuse scandals that surfaced at Penn State and Syracuse earlier this year. In April, Chancellor Nicholas Zeppos appointed a committee to oversee Vanderbilt's efforts to protect minors from abuse. The committee is co-chaired by Vice Provost for Faculty Tim McNamara and Associate Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs David Raiford.

In an email to all University employees on April 17, Chancellor Zeppos wrote, "Tim, David and the committee will work with the two staff councils and the Faculty Senate to strengthen Vanderbilt's policies and practices for protecting minors."

By CHARLOTTE GILL Staff reporter

Drugs and Alcohol

Aug. 20, 12:30 a.m. – A drug equipment violation charge was issued at Lupton House after reports of a loud party in a student's room led to the confiscation of a bong.

arrested for a counterfeiting/forgery violation, drunkenness, a liquor law violation and a drug/narcotic violation after being transported to Vanderbilt Hospital in an intoxicated and unconscious state.

Aug. 20, 12:59 a.m. – A student was

Aug. 20, 8:06 p.m. - A student was arrested for drug equipment violations at Lewis House after a marijuana grinder was turned over for destruction.

Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. – An individual was arrested for drunkenness and liquor law violations in Sutherland House.

Aug. 23, 3:22 a.m. – An individual was arrested for drunkenness and liquor law violations in West House.

Why would somebody steal that?

Reported thefts in the past week include: Cell phone

Bicycle seat

Bike Bench

Video games tournament TODAY from 3-6:00 p.m.

WELCOME TO NASHVILLE FAIR



Come Early to register at

The Welcome to Nashville Fair

Student Life Center

Games for Guys and Girls

Contest games include:

Call of Duty **Modern Warfare 3 Super Smash Brothers Brawl** tournament **Casual Just Dance Tournament**

Prizes for contest winners and random prizes* for some participants

Local Vendors

Come out, meet some of the businesses near Vanderbilt that cater to college students, and get in on the competition!

Free food samples, lots of vendor goodies, door prizes and contest prizes*.

> *All prize winners must be present to win

door prizes and give-aways

back pack with t-shirt, hat and other items • bluetooth headset • 5 bottomless mugs from Bruegger's • Digital

Camcorder 2 IN LCD - CCD . Messenger Sport Notebook Case w/ Mouse + USB Hub . X GAMES Optical Cable Mouse + Pad • Digital Gadgets Starter Kit Ipod Touch 4th Gen • NEXTAR V5 5 inch GPS NAVIGATOR • (1) \$50 gift cert, (2) \$25 gift cert to Cumberland Transit • One-night stay at Embassy

Suites • three \$100 gift certificates to Fleming's • Muscle pharm assault pre-workout, sports pump fuel packages • multiple tour packages from Grayline • Smathers and Branson Vanderbilt pillow (\$135 value) • Smathers and Branson Vanderbilt Coasters and Box (\$75 value) • four \$25 gift certificates to Jack in the Box • \$20 gift certificate for

Mirko Pasta · voucher for two Nashville Symphony tickets · 2 prize packs valued

at \$75 each from Nutrishop • pair of general admission passes to outdoor Zack Brown concert • four \$25 gift certificates for Rite Aid • two \$20 treat cards to Tasti d-Lite • wax, skin care and hair styling gift certificates

three home furnishings packages from West Elm (\$300 total value)

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opinion



THE QUESTION:

How do you feel about this year's **Commodore Quake lineup?**



JACOB GROSSMAN, Class of

It sounds like a much better lineup than it did last year. I think people are much more

excited about J. Cole and Childish Gambino than they were about My Morning Jacket and Trey Songz.



KHADIJAH OWENS, Class of

I like J. Cole. He has great music and I'm excited to see him in concert. I've heard some of Childish Gambino's

stuff. He's good, but I'm more excited for J.



JAMES AKERS, Class of 2015: It should be a good night. Last year was pretty disappointing.



BEN SHANE, Class of 2015: The only opinions I have about either of those two people are through my friends, who have opinions on them. One of my friends

really likes J. Cole, so I support him even though I have no idea what his music sounds like. One of my friends hates Childish Gambino so I don't like him even though I have never heard his music.



GOZIE NKEMKA, Class of 2015: I like J. Cole, but I don't know who Childish Gambino is. But I'll be there.



RACHEL TURNER, Class of 2015: I don't know if a lot of people know of Childish Gambino, but he's a good addition with J. Cole.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

A declaration of dining grievances

Whenever any Form of

Dining becomes destructive

of these ends, it is the Right

of the Student Body to be

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hen in the Course of undergraduate events, it becomes necessary for one people to take a stand against the dining layouts which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of the student body requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to complain unmercifully over the state of "New Rand."

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all students are created equal in that they are hungry for prompt, high-quality food, and that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty from atrociously long lines, and the pursuit

of stuffing oneself to morbid obesity. That to secure these rights, Student Governments and Rand student surveys are instituted among the students, deriving their just powers from the consent of the learned,

pissed to no end. —That whenever any Form of Dining becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the Student Body to be pissed to no end and to demand changes to New Rand, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its stations in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Appetites and Happiness. Prudence, indeed will dictate that Dining halls, which have long stood and had proud traditions such as all-you-can-eat-brunch which NO ONE wanted to get rid of, shall not be changed for light and transient causes such as "openness" and other crap like that; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by calling for the abolishment of the revisions to which they now have to suffer through. When a long list of new abuses and travesties is thrust upon them by the Despots of upper-level dining management, it is the students' right, it is their duty, to detest and call for the correction of these grievous errors and to provide new Guards for the future nutrition of current students and all students to come. The history, albeit rather short, of the present state of "New Rand" is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute, quality-deprived Tyranny over the famished student body. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

They have abolished the glorious and ever-popular all-youcan-eat Rand Brunch.

They have removed queso, the cherished liquid Mexican gold, from the Rand Mexican line, currently referred to as "Tex-

They have removed a tray dumping line, leading to longer lines and frustration, stirring thoughts of revolt among many while they are waiting behind fifty other students to put down a freaking tray.

They have removed the frozen yogurt machine, referred to by many a-female as "fro-yo! It has like zero carbs or calories!", with the malicious intention of preventing us from attaining the delicious frozen substance as a meal plan side to compliment

They removed the long table which was in the middle of the upstairs seating, causing many students to search around in futile desperation for a seat to sit at and enjoy their lunch, which is very hard to comprehend since more seating was a focal point

in the development of new Rand.

They put up a painting of some creepy-ass looking guy in front of the new couches in the upstairs dining area of Rand. Who in their right mind would put some stupid painting there instead of a television so that we could enjoy the wonders of the Entertainment and Sports

Programming Network while we eat?

They removed the couch and cushioned chairs from that area near the elevator/the Pub upstairs, leading to even less seating.

At this beginning stage of these Oppressions We Petition for Redress in the most humble terms: Our repeated Petitions shall not be answered only by repeated injury. A Prince whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free student body.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the Student Body of the Vanderbilt community, in all of our respective dorm rooms, libraries, study areas and makeshift seats that we have to find scattered all about Rand because every other seat in the entire place is taken, metaphorically Assembled, appealing to the Supreme management of Dining for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the Student Government and Cornelius Vanderbilt himself (who I hear freakin' loved a good all-you-can-eat brunch), solemnly publish and declare, That these United Students are, and of Right ought to be, Pissed. For the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor. Signed,

Anyone who has tried out, gone remotely near or even thought about going to "New Rand"

— Tate Travaglini

Pathetic athletic (facilities)

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want to share?

Write a guest

e, the student body of Vanderbilt University, have been graced with a beautiful, brand-new cafeteria. However, as the eternally broken crushed ice machine reminds us, many of our other facilities remain in great need of fixing up. More specifically, the plan to complete a renovation by 2014 is not enough for me. The administration admitted a need for some updates "for a number years," in the online announcement of the makeover, in April 2012. One of the biggest offenders?

I feel bad for all you former ex-estrogym-goer sophomores. Welcome to main campus.

Let's face it, for those shacked up anywhere but Highland quad or the outskirts of campus at Blakemore, the Student Rec Center is far. As a resident of Carmichael Towers East, the round trip to Highland by foot is about 40 minutes. My fellow Towers dwellers have mentioned that, similar to my experience, arrival to the Rec to work out is anticlimactic.

The facility's "about us" states: "The Vanderbilt University Student Recreation Center is a state-of-the-art facility. It includes 130,000 square feet of indoor facilities and seven acres of outdoor facility space."

I have found my journeys to the Vanderbilt Recreation Center to be significantly unpleasant, and definitely not state-of-the-art. My main use of these facilities is working out in them, and I would guess that the same is true for most other students. This is my biggest complaint: The cardio machines are outdated and broken. Because of the inadequate equipment and an influx of people during peak hours, the gym constantly seems too crowded. Worst of all, in the late afternoon the room develops a rainforest-like climate humid and hot.

But instead of chirping birds, we find a different kind of

animalistic — or, as a social-constructivist of gender may suggest, a culturally-enforced — nature: The workout room is nearly completely divided by gender. Women on cardio machines, guys pumping iron. In addition, there seems to be a tendency for males to go to the gym in packs, and females in pairs or alone. A few of my gender are brave enough to cross the invisible wall, but I often submit to the status quo, afraid of becoming a spectacle when lifting my maximum weight of ten pounds, or doing something spastic, performing an exercise incorrectly, or even something unrecognizable from my past gymnastics conditioning.

This is a problem for which I have no solution. But if one gender is going to feel exiled to one side of the gym, at least let that side be usable.

I do feel I have to give credit to the other recreational opportunities. The Rec's 1980s facility still provides an indoor pool, outdoor (and unused) lounge space, indoor track, racquetball courts and many ping-pong tables. I think there's some sort of health and wellness center, but I'm pretty sure it's oriented toward faculty. Also, my main reason for trekking to the Rec: There's a Smoothie King.

All in all, I think this issue highlights a bigger problem at Vanderbilt. As with many large institutions, once a problem is noticed, it takes a long time to make a change. However, with respect to the Rec, this does not have to be so. Some minor updates could be made to help out this situation: Better signage, new machines and suggested time limits. Generally, I would also really like to see clearer signage for all the Rec facilities, and help for how to sign up or rent equipment. They could even position the weight machines in suggested workout cycles, to make some less-experienced fitness seekers more comfortable. Let's work it out, Vandy.

– Hannah Rutcofsky

Time for real hope and change



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ill Clinton was right in 2007, calling then-Senator Obama a "risk" for America. But, really, who could resist the seemingly celestial promises of hope and change? Well, we certainly bought it, with more than two-thirds of our generation voting for Obama. Thankfully, after three years of abject failure, this "risk" is well-defined and we won't be fooled again.

No generation will be affected more by President Obama's failed and dangerous economic policies than ours. More than half of recent graduates today are jobless or underemployed. The debt on student loans just exceeded \$1 trillion, even surpassing credit card debt. And, in less than four years, Obama has added more than \$5 trillion to the national debt, which is

Over 100 million Americans are now on some form of federal welfare — and the president is proud of it. Social Security and Medicare will both be bankrupt within 20 years, and Obama has no plan to reform them responsibly for all Americans, including our generation. Today, just 14 percent of Americans believe children will be better off than their parents. And, for the first time in history, more than 50 percent of our generation no longer believes the American dream is personally attainable for them.

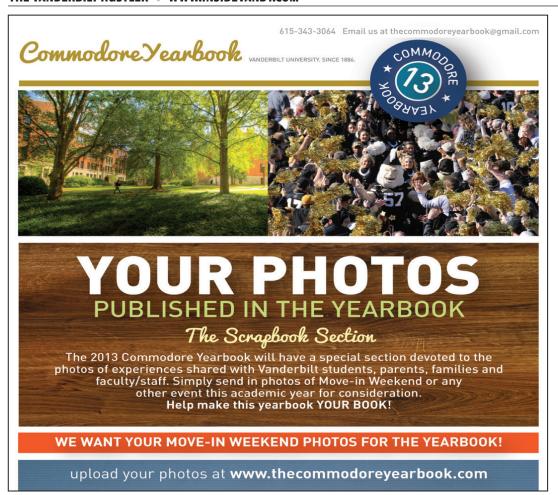
Obama's absolute disregard for the law is even more appalling. Through countless executive orders, he has profoundly undermined the rule of law. The administration has repeatedly and unapologetically assaulted our religious freedoms.

Additionally, the president's failed foreign policy has put our nation and allies at risk. The latest string of leaks by the administration is not only tremendously dangerous for Israel but, more importantly, is unfortunately indicative of the administration's overall trend of hostility toward our critical ally.

The choice this November could not be clearer. Now more than ever, we need a president who will lead us on the path toward prosperity, who understands and respects the rule of law, who will stand up for our religious freedom and who recognizes that America is exceptional and defends her allies. Governor Mitt Romney is that man.

As State Chairman of both the Tennessee College Republican Committee and Tennessee Students for Romney, I see firsthand the large number of students disenchanted with President Obama backing Gov. Romney everyday — confirming a larger trend with latest polls revealing the youth vote slipping away from Obama. But, it is not enough to just cast a ballot or put a bumper sticker on your car. You can — and must — do more, and we need your help to turn this country around. To find out how you can get involved, check out the Vanderbilt College Republicans' kickoff meeting tomorrow night at 6 p.m. in Calhoun 109. And whether you want to support free speech — or just like really good chicken sandwiches - we'll be serving free Chick-fil-A.

- Stephen Siao





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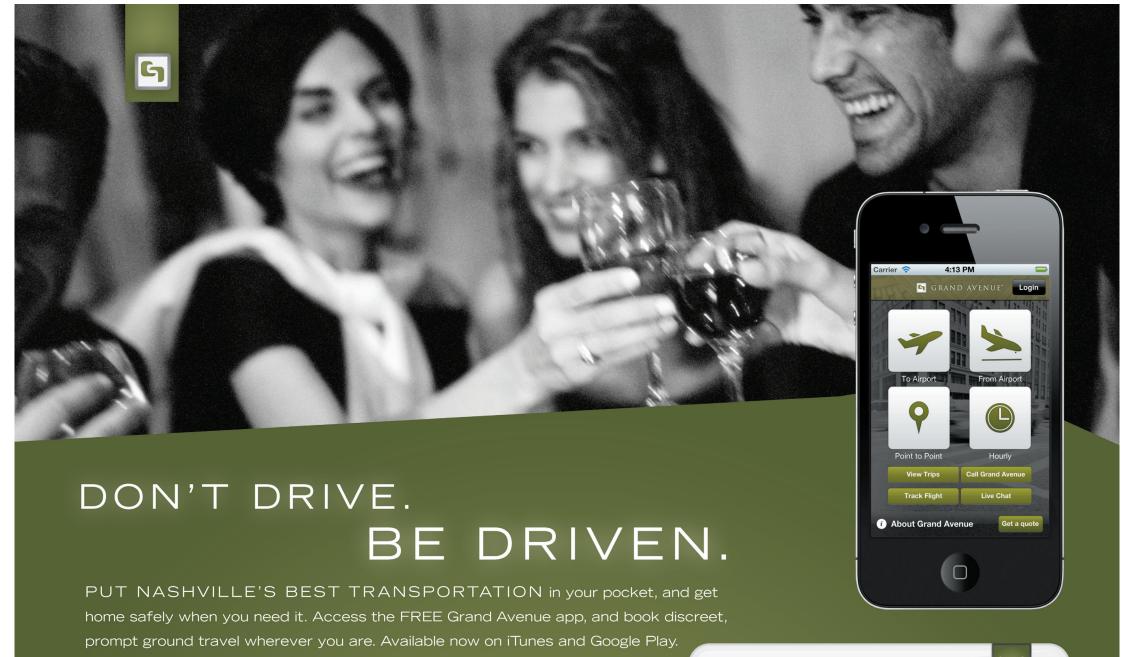
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Get off campus for some local Nashville flavor. Silo takes Southern comfort food to classy new heights, while **Festivity**'s newly opened store in Hillsboro brings boutique fashion at an affordable price.

LOCAL FOOD

New restaurant Silo presents a modern spin on old favorites

Around here, you don't have to look far for Southern favorites like shrimp and grits or peach cobbler, but there's a new restaurant in town offering an upscale spin on these classic dishes.

Located in Nashville's trendy Germantown district, Silo began serving its "elevated Southern cuisine" just two weeks ago, and it's already being met with rave reviews.

Southern chefs Clay Greenberg and Paul Cercone spent the past year putting the finishing touches on their new restaurant, whose vision is in many ways a tribute to its locale. From its reinterpreted versions of classic comfort food like fried green tomatoes and pot pie to its rustic furniture designed by local craftsmen, Silo clearly takes pride in belonging to the Nashville community. Even its name, which calls to mind the region's humble small farms, pays tribute to the importance of local agriculture.

Silo offers a full weekday dinner menu, as well as a Sunday brunch and a three-course, fixed-price menu for Sunday supper. While diners have been enjoying all of the restaurant's offerings, particular favorites among diners so far include the vegetarian succotash and the tomato gazpacho, which are made with fresh, locally grown ingredients.

In Silo, Greenberg and Cercone have successfully melded the quality of fine dining with the soul of Southern food, creating a fun hangout that feels completely at home in its Nashville setting.

Silo opens for dinner Tuesday through Sunday at 5 p.m., and Sunday brunch begins at 10:30 a.m.

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Neal Cotter, staff reporter

LOCAL SHOPPING

Atlanta boutique Festivity sets up shop in Hillsboro

Walking around Hillsboro Village,

one can find an eclectic mix of used bookstores, posh clothing boutiques and specialty food stores like Sweet CeCe's. Festivity is Hillsboro's newest dress boutique, and it fits in just fine. Because the new store on Hillsboro only displays a sign that reads "1814," you might miss Festivity at first glance. But if you see a rack of dresses outside of the store next to Fido, you've found the right place. Based out of Atlanta, its address on 21st Avenue, Festivity's new location is their sixth and their second in Nashville, with another in Green Hills. They have dresses for all occasions – anything from business

casual to tailgating garb to dresses for going out. What's better is the prices. You can purchase high-end specialty dresses for semi-affordable prices ranging from \$45 to \$100.

Like any respectable boutique, Festivity sells other goods besides clothes - handmade candles, colored jeans, scarves, basic tanks, bras and even porcelain travel mugs. Their jewelry collection encompasses everything from chandelier earrings to large, statement necklaces. Throw in the occasional trendy purse, and this boutique has everything you need to make the perfect outfit.

Now for the things you don't expect. One of the more unique things Festivity provides are landmark coasters with Nashville staples like B.B. Kings, Grand Ole Opry, Pancake Pantry, The Bluebird Cafe and, unexpectedly, Kirkland Hall (Who knew it was a landmark?) printed on. These coasters are great souvenirs for folks back home and they're now only 4 for \$29.99.

However, the best part of the store is the books. Displayed throughout the store, Festivity has a diverse reading collection. One selection, "Cake Wrecks" by Jen Yates, is a hilarious picture book of cakes gone wrong. Other book choices include cocktail and BBQ recipe books, must-haves for every household.

From dresses to recipes, coasters to statement pieces, Festivity has everything you need for a "festive" occasion.

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NAVIGATING RELIGIOUS LIFE ON CAMPUS

WITH PIETER VALK

Pieter Valk, secretary and vice president of university relations for the **Navigators**, weighs in on the future of **unregistered religious groups** on campus

> By Kelly Halom Life Editor

Pieter Valk, last year's spokesperson for Christian groups in a coalition that chose not to comply with the administration's all-comers policy, discusses the future of Navigators and other religious groups on campus.

How does your choice not to comply with the all-comers policy affect the organization and their relationship with the administration this year?

"At the beginning of the summer, thankfully I was in Nashville and I got to meet with the provost and the dean of students, and I really came to respect them so much and admire their dedication to students. I think through those conversations and conversations with others, we really came to an understanding of where both sides were coming from and why we held the values we did. I think out of that respect and understanding the administration very graciously offered us the opportunity to continue to reserve space on campus for free, which is awesome. I never expected it, and our groups don't deserve it, being unregistered groups. It's just a blessing. In return, what they've asked for us to do is respect the ways they want us to comply with being unregistered. That looks like not attending the religious life fair or the student org fair and not using Vanderbilt's name. Registered groups and unregistered groups can't host events together. What the administration has told us is 'We know you are important to students at Vanderbilt, and we don't want to lose that. We want you to still be on campus and serve students, but it has to be clear that you are not a Vanderbiltregistered organization."

Now that a lot of the conflict has been resolved, how do you think God was working through the circumstances?

"It took time for us to understand what's going on here, what's God's purpose. The immediate answer, the easi est answer, is 'Oh, well, he wants us to defend religious freedom' or something like that. But then we realized if that is what God wanted to do, that's really easy. He could just wave his hand with this. This is an unnecessary amount of effort and organization if the end is just to defeat some little policy. It's really not that big of a deal. It is a big deal in terms of some groups and their principles and the way it might conflict with the policy, but it's not a big deal in terms of how we operate on campus. So then we started asking, 'Well, if it's not that, what is the purpose?' I think we came to see that God really wanted to rock us from this place of comfort. When you are in the Bible Belt and at college as a Christian student, it's very easy to get comfortable surrounded by Christians. You get distracted from the real goal and you get

comfortable. I think last year made everyone say, 'What's important?' And I think we all realized what's important is Jesus and loving him and sharing that with others. It's important never to get distracted from that."

How are you planning for the year and recruiting new members?

"A lot of recruitment activities we put together over the summer. We're still gonna be on The Wall at Rand and meeting students as they go to lunch, same as ever. Our big event was the Welcome Barbecue in front of the Wyatt Center. The culmination of the recruitment events will be the first Nav Night on Wednesday, Aug. 29. Free pizza is starting at 6:30 lot has changed. For the Navigators and the way we do recruitment, which is mostly word of mouth, I don't think a lot has changed.'



STUDENT ORGANIZATION SPOTLIGHT

At their **ASB**est



COURTESY OF TREVOR GELLER Trevor Geller, now co-chair of ASB, on his 2012 trip to Granada, Nicaragua, as a site leader.

With ASB applications around the corner, check out what this service organization does on campus

> By TREVOR ANDERSON Staff reporter

For many students, spring break is one of the most cherished weeks of the year. Whether visiting friends at other schools or taking a cruise in the Caribbean, plenty of students await that first week in March. However, over 400 Vanderbilt students look forward to it for an entirely different reason: Alternative Spring Break.

Started during the 1986-87 academic year at Vanderbilt University, Alternative Spring Break allows 10-person student groups to perform service during spring break at a number of domestic and international sites.

Trevor Geller, a senior in Peabody College, is one of the ASB co-chairs and says one of the program's biggest appeals is its wide range of service opportunities. "ASB is great because it provides a vehicle for students to get involved in the kind of issues they are passionate about," Geller said. "We deal with a ride range of issues from homelessness and poverty to the environment and drug rehabilitation.

DUE DATES

Sept. 8

SITE LEADER APPLICATIONS: Applications out Aug. 27, due by

PARTICIPANT APPLICATIONS:

Applications available on Sept. 27, due by Oct. 11

ASBBQ: Learn more about the Spring 2013 sites on Sept. 30

If there's a service issue you care about, chances are we have a site that tackles that problem."

Another key component is that ASB unites people who typically might not otherwise meet. "We emphasize trying to match people who probably wouldn't ever have met without ASB, and many times people make some of their best

friends this way." Geller said. Although Geller will be a fourth-year ASB participant, a "Lifer" in ASB terms, it's never too late to join the family. "I think everyone should try ASB at least once. It doesn't matter if you're a firstyear or a senior." Geller said. "It definitely is a memory that everyone at Vanderbilt

should be able to take with them." Alternative Spring Break celebrates its 25th year at Vanderbilt in 2012. Be sure to check out ASB's website (http://vandyasb.wordpress.com/) for further infor-

- Brittany Matthews, staff reporter

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THE BIG STAT

Number of captains Vanderbilt's football team will field this season. At his Wednesday press conference, head coach James Franklin added Zac Stacy, Archibald Barnes, Johnell Thomas, Javon Marshall, Wesley Johnson and Carey Spear to the list in a press conference on Wednesday after Jordan Rodgers and Walker May were named captains in the spring.





SEC OFF-SEASON STORYLINES

LOUISIANA STATE

Citing a violation of team rules, LSU head coach Les Miles dismissed defensive back Tyrann Mathieu from the team in early August. The Heisman finalist and consensus All-American who was the face of the Tigers' run to the national title game a year ago checked into a drug rehabilitation program in Houston weeks before the 2012 season opener, according to his adoptive father. Mathieu is reportedly working with former NBA star John Lucas, who now works as a mentor after battling similar demons throughout his pro career. Although LSU officials have labeled his removal from the team permanent, it has become clear that Mathieu intends to make an attempt at returning to the LSU football team next season.

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

Tennessee wide receiver Da'Rick Rogers, a first-team all-Southeastern Conference performer last year, was suspended indefinitely on Aug. 23 for a violation of team rules. Rogers led the SEC in receiving last year with 67 catches for 1,040 yards and nine touchdowns, taking on an increased workload after fellow 1,000-yard receiver Justin Hunter tore his ACL in the third game of the season. The suspension breaks up one of the best pairs of game-breaking wideouts in the conference for the second year in a row and lays more pressure on quarterback Tyler Bray, as the Volunteers hope to finish a winning record for the first time under head coach Derek Dooley. Dooley said he doesn't expect Rogers to rejoin the team this season.

UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

Georgia dismissed back Isaiah Crowell in June after he was arrested on weapons charges. Crowell, a sophomore from Columbus, Ga., was booked early in the morning of June 29 on charges of possessing a concealed weapon, having a weapon in a school zone and having an altered ID mark on that weapon. According to the police report, four other Georgia football players were also in Crowell's vehicle, including three 2012 freshman signees. Crowell, who came to Athens in 2011 as the No. 1-rated running back prospect in America, was slated to start for the Bulldogs at tailback this season. He rushed for 850 yards and five touchdowns as a freshman despite missing playing time due to suspensions and injuries.

SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina's workhorse running back Marcus Lattimore returns from a torn ACL

AUBURN UNIVERSITY

After former offensive coordinator Gus Malzahn took the head coaching job at Arkansas State, Auburn has switched from the spread offense that won them a national title to a power running offense under new offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler. Sophomore Kiehl Frazier has been named the team's starting quarterback.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers Texas A&M and Missouri open their conference schedules on Sept. 8 with home games against Florida and

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Arkansas dismissed head coach Bobby Petrino, owner of the highest winning percentage in school history, for failing to disclose an "inappropriate relationship" with a female employee. John L. Smith was brought in as the Razorbacks' interim head coach.

This month's BIG GAMES

AUGUST 30

No. 9 South Carolina at Vanderbilt

The opening game of the college football season features two SEC East teams with hopes for a historic season.

SEPTEMBER 1

No. 8 Michigan vs. No. 2 Alabama

The defending national champions begin their title defense in Dallas, against Heisman hopeful Denard Robinson and a Michigan team eager to prove it belongs in the national championship

SEPTEMBER 8

No. 6 Georgia at Missouri

6:45 p.m.

In a game that could decide the SEC East, Aaron Murray and Georgia visit Columbia for the first SEC game for the home team. Expect a shootout between Murray and Missouri's James Franklin.

SEPTEMBER 15

No. 2 Alabama at No. 10 Arkansas

2:30 p.m.

Even without Bobby Petrino, the Razorbacks have a good chance at winning the SEC. If new head coach John L. Smith and the Hogs can get past this test, they will be the odds-on favorite to reach Atlanta in December.

SEPTEMBER 22

No. 14 Clemson at No. 7 Florida State

It feels like these two teams enter every season with high expectations that they fail to live up to. Nonetheless, the game formerly known as the Bowden Bowl should be an entertaining

SEPTEMBER 30

No. 12 Wisconsin at No. 17 Nebraska

, This battle between a power running offense and a spread attack should provide plenty of fireworks.



Quarterback Jordan Rodgers and the Commodores train during a practice on April 7, 2012. The team has a chance to make a statement in their primetime matchup with No. 9 South Carolina on Thursday, and the journey toward SEC respectability starts at the line of scrimmage, where Vanderbilt was completely overmatched in last season's 21-3 loss.

By JESSE GOLOMB

Sports reporter

On Thursday evening, just before 6 p.m., the Vanderbilt Commodores will emerge from the tunnel at Vanderbilt Stadium. Bulbs will flash. Hands will clap. Excitement, brought on by another year of Southeastern Conference football, will reign.

But this time — and maybe for the first time in 50 years — the euphoria could last well beyond the opening kick.

This is not just another opening game, and this is not just another season for Vanderbilt football.

This Thursday, against the ninth-ranked South Carolina Gamecocks, Vanderbilt will prepare to take yet another step towards what has been dubbed a new era for the perennial punching bag of the powerful Southeastern

A year ago, the setup was similar. James Franklin had just become the first new Vanderbilt coach to start 3-0 since World War II. With expectations heightened, a crucial test loomed in the form of the Gamecocks, then ranked No. 12 in the country.

The Commodores failed the test. The Gamecock defense, led by SEC Freshman of the Year Jadeveon Clowney, dominated at the line of scrimmage, sacking Vanderbilt quarterbacks Larry Smith and Jordan Rodgers six times and

holding the offense to only 77 total yards.

It was the type of lackluster performance that only served to reinforce the bottom-feeding reputation that Vanderbilt has been trying so hard to shed.

Still, there were signs of progress. The Commodores picked off quarterback Stephen Garcia four times, and held All-SEC receiver Alshon Jeffery to just two receptions for 34 yards.

Those were baby steps. It's time for big ones. With Thursday's game — the first of the 2012 college football season — televised nationally on ESPN, and with the student section perhaps a bit more cacophonous than usual, Franklin's Commodores will get a chance to show off everything they've been working on since the former Maryland offensive coordinator took over two Decembers ago.

As they take the field on Thursday evening, preparing to face the Gamecocks once more, the starkest difference between this year and last won't be the new faces on the field, the new uniforms on display or even the chance to do something special: it will be the feeling that a new era is actually underway.

Last year, Vanderbilt ranked a solid No. 29 in the country in scoring defense. In 2012, they return seven starters from that unit, while also adding four-star recruit Caleb Azubike to the mix. Throw in two more intriguing freshman – linebackers Darreon Herring and Jacob Sealand — from Franklin's highly-touted second recruiting class, and it's possible the defense could

pose even more serious problems for a South Carolina offense it largely shut down a year ago.

It also seems reasonable to expect more on offense from the Commodores this time around, and not only because the bar is so low. Vanderbilt was a rush-first team in 2011, and that shouldn't change. Even with Jordan Rodgers benefiting from a full preseason camp as the starter, the Commodores would be best served by continuing to hand the ball off. Following a dominant junior season, Zac Stacy returns to headline a potentially stellar unit. Warren Norman, who missed all of 2011 after an electric 2010 campaign, should provide a spark — as should freshman Brian Kimbrow, the four-star jewel of Franklin's shiny recruiting class.

None of that talent will mean anything if the Vanderbilt offensive line can't block Clowney and the rest of the Gamecocks any better than they did a year ago. Improvement in this area is less foregone; only two players on the Commodore line have more than five career starts under their belt. With a couple of new faces potentially filling out the rotation, the offensive line could struggle, especially against a unit as talented as South Carolina's.

But then again, perhaps they might succeed: If there's anything the last 12 months of Vanderbilt football has taught us, it is to embrace the possibility of a new era — one in which expectations are bucked, reputations are shed and the blackness of anonymity is replaced with the gold glow of primetime.



Left to right: Cross country runners Jordan White, Liz Anderson and Kristen Findley.

FACTS

Who's Gone: **Graduated seniors** Alexa Rogers and Louise Hannallah helped pace the Commodores to their sixth-place finish at the NCAA Championships in 2011.

Who's Back: First team All-SEC honorees Liz Anderson and Jordan White and team captain Kristen Smith are looking to improve on their top-10 individual finishes at last year's SECs. Who's Next: Grace Orders, Rebecca Chandler and Amira Joseph earned All-Freshman honors at last year's SEC Championships.

By ERIC SINGLE Editor-in-chief

At the 2011 SEC Cross Country Championships, Vanderbilt's top runners started together, stayed together and finished less than 30 seconds apart to clinch the program's first conference title. The returners from that historic squad have preached a group mentality in anticipation of a repeat performance this October, and opposing coaches around the conference are inclined to believe them.

The women's cross country team opens its season on Friday favored to defend its conference title after garnering eight first-place votes in a preseason poll of the league's coaches released on August 16. While the lofty expectations are somewhat unfamiliar territory for a team that has slowly built itself up in head coach Steve Keith's six seasons on campus, they have had little impact on the team's offseason preparations.

"I think people are aware of it, but it's our own goal to go ahead and try and defend our title, so I don't think the polls really affect us that much," said senior Jordan White. "(Winning the SEC) was in our minds before it came out."

Visualization will not be an issue as

the Commodores set out to reach that goal — Vanderbilt will host the SEC Championships at Percy Warner Park in Nashville, and the team is scheduled to compete in two races on the course before the conference meet on Oct. 26. The first of those two, this weekend's Belmont Opener, ushers in the season with an opportunity to showcase some of the team's talented freshmen.

"It's going to be their big debut next weekend, so we've been running with them and trying to get everybody used to running with a team, which you don't do in high school," said junior Liz Anderson. "All these girls are the fastest coming out of high school, so we start running together."

The veterans take to the course in competition for the first time on Sept. 15 at the Commodore Classic.

"We'll have the hills to practice on, and we'll know the course really well, and we'll know when to drop it," said senior Kristen Findley, who stepped into last year's NCAA Regional in place of an injured Kristen Smith and helped the Commodores secure a trip to the national championships.

The loss of Alexa Rogers and Louise Hannallah to graduation leave holes to be filled on the team that placed sixth at the NCAA Championships, but the Commodores are eager to showcase their ability to reload. White, Smith, Findley and Allie Scalf move to the front of the pack as the team's senior leaders, with Anderson, who came just short of All-American honors at the national meet, waiting in the wings.

"You definitely miss them, they added a lot, but these girls recruited me," Anderson said. "I stayed with Allie, who's a senior now, and they're just as great. They all just bring so many different things that can combine into something strong, and they've been awesome."

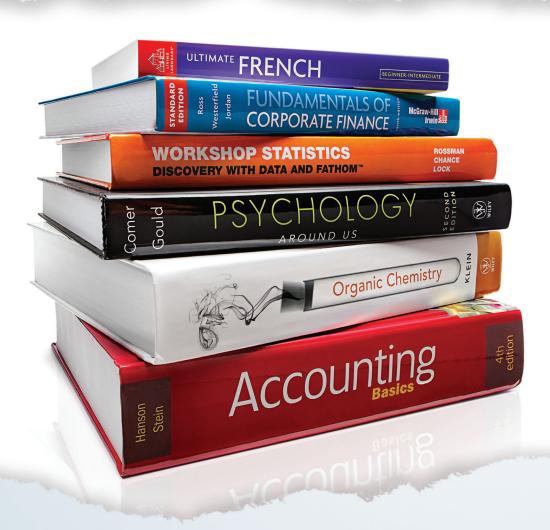
The SEC Championships happen to fall on Homecoming Weekend, giving the Commodores a bump in fan support with the presence of parents and alumni in the Nashville area. However, coming off of last year's success, the team is looking for added attention on an even bigger stage.

"I think now that we've won the SECs, it's like a check," she said. "We're able to reach higher and hopefully get on the national level and get some spotlight there."

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