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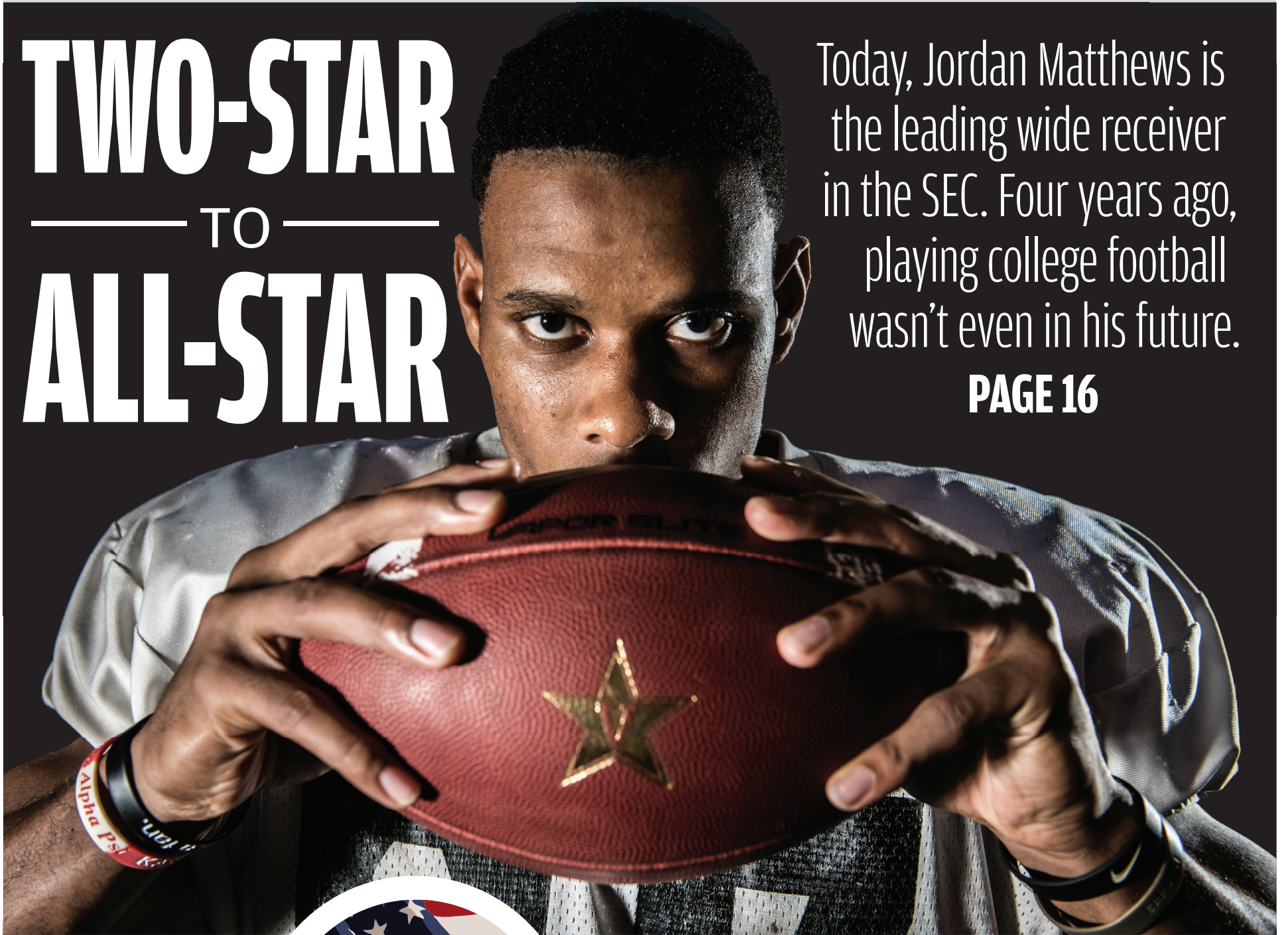
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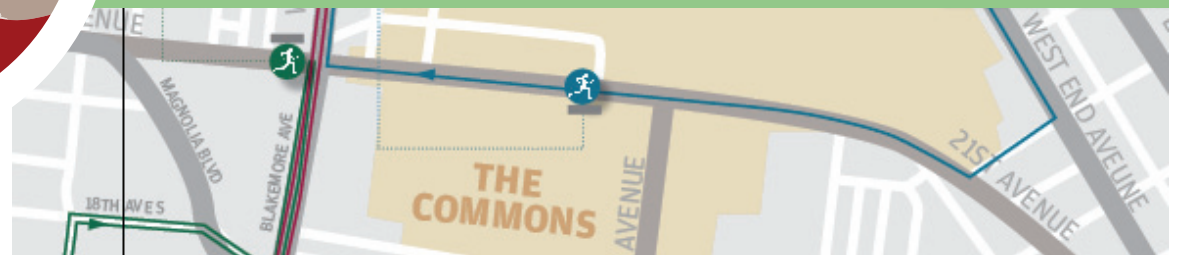
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"For the past week, I was a monk. A robe-wearing, four A.M. chanting, meditating Buddhist monk."

SHAWN ALBERT, BLOGGING ABOUT HIS WEEK AS A MONK IN CAMBODIA

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Movie ticket vouchers



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By **CHARLOTTE GILL**
News staff reporter

Want to catch the latest on-screen flick but fretting over the fare? The Sarratt Student Center Box Office has you covered. Not only does the Ticketmaster outlet offer tickets for on-campus events, but it also sells movie ticket vouchers for \$7 each. Students can buy an unlimited number of movie tickets for almost any movie, with the exception of popular, newly released films, for which the theater may request an extra \$1.50 per ticket. There is no time limit between purchasing the ticket voucher and using it at a theater. According to Box Office associate Amy Liu, most students use their vouchers at Regal Green Hills Stadium 16, the closest movie theater to campus.

Students can also purchase tickets for other local events; however, these tickets are not discounted. The box office's affiliation with Ticketmaster facilitates these purchases.

"Our system is connected with Ticketmaster, so if you find (an event) in Nashville or Atlanta, you can buy (tickets) here," Liu said.

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Background checks at VU

New personnel for new policy

By **CHARLOTTE GILL**
News staff reporter

In an effort to implement the new Protection of Minors Policy enacted in April, Vanderbilt has created a new administrative position: Director for the Protection of Minors. This summer, the university hired Dawn Riddle to fill the role, which falls under the Office of Risk and Insurance Management's purview. The previous systems of background checks are being continued.

The policy is part of a nationwide surge of awareness of programs serving minors in research institutions. In fact, Vanderbilt's policy making has roots in other peer institutions, modeling its minor-protection procedures closely after Duke University's system.

Riddle noted that the recent Penn State scandal involving Jerry Sandusky, a former coach with the football program, played a role in the increased awareness, though it was by no means the sole trigger.

"I think that was kind of an 'ah-ha' moment for maybe a lot of universities," Riddle said, "but other universities have had incidences occur, not necessarily to that extreme, but that have caused them to again look at policies and procedures and look at a way to implement something that applies across the board."

Riddle aims to apply Vanderbilt's policy across the university in addition to supporting preexisting interdepartmental policies. Her first aim is to identify Vanderbilt-sponsored non-student programs that involve minors, ranging from the more obvious educational and recreational camps to research projects, external activities, one-time events and partnerships with other programs. The 175 such pro-

grams include Camp Vandy, Peabody's Programs for Talented Youth, the PAVE program and programs at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital.

The policy also impacts student organizations, particularly those involving service. Riddle is working with Greek organizations, the Office of Active Citizenship and Service, the Ingram Scholarship Program and the Youth Leadership Hall, in addition to evaluating whether smaller organizations are participating in "Vanderbilt-sponsored" work or work through another organization.

"From a student-run standpoint, ideally we're asking students to talk with their organizational leaders, looking at the specific program, to see if it's going to fall under the policy," Riddle said.

If an organization falls under the policy, members who work with minors must undergo a background check, complete an online training module geared toward child abuse and agree to adhere to the policy and code of conduct when working with minors, according to Riddle.

Last year, Peabody College implemented a separate policy requiring all Peabody employees and students to undergo background checks. This represented an expansion of the number of people required to undergo such checks, which has in turn been increasing since Peabody first began conducting background checks for student teachers in 2004, according to Background Clearance officer Thom Garrison.

"We started our background checks to the folks we knew were specifically working with minors, but as programs increased, we've expanded it to include everybody who works or studies at Peabody," Garrison said. "Nobody's



working or taking classes at Peabody that hasn't had a background check."

Background checks also grabbed people's attention in August 2012, when Chancellor Zeppos asked the deans of the schools and colleges, department chairs and heads of administrative units on campus to provide lists of all programs that work with minors. The faculty, staff and students involved in these programs were then asked to submit background checks to the university.

Vice Provost for Faculty and International Affairs Timothy McNamara provided this statement regarding the university's attitude towards background checks:

"Vanderbilt University offers a wide variety of programs and services to children. In carrying out these activities, we take seriously our obligation to protect the safety of the children we serve and to preserve the peace of mind of those who entrust them to our care.

"Requiring persons who work with minors to complete a background check is one element of a comprehensive, on-going effort to maintain a safe environment on campus and in the communities in which our faculty, staff and students work on Vanderbilt's behalf."

Making 'The Choice'

Freshman Bryan Stromer shares his story of blogging his college decision process for The New York Times

By **HANNAH SILLS**
News editor

The process of applying to college is memorable for many reasons — filling out pages and pages of applications, nervously waiting to hear back from admissions offices, making difficult decisions — but for freshman Bryan Stromer, there was an added layer: He blogged about his experience for one of the country's biggest news outlets.

Stromer was one of eight students chosen by The New York Times to take readers

through this scholastic rite of passage, posting eight entries to "The Choice," The Times' online college admissions blog that was discontinued this June after four years of existence.

His path to the blog was unique. Stromer had worked with editors at The Times previously on local education issues because of his involvement with an education council in New York City. Those editors suggested that he reach out to the staff responsible for "The Choice." Although it was late in the selection process, the blog's staff told Stromer he could still fill out an application. In late July 2012,

he learned that he had been chosen as a blogger.

Asked about the blogging experience, Stromer noted the public light that writing shined on a topic many students prefer to keep to themselves.

"It was a scary thing because picking a college is definitely kind of a personal choice, and it's a difficult choice, and it's one that often comes with rejection, acceptance, so it was difficult in that The New York Times wanted us to be very upfront and raw with our feelings, our emotions and also our decisions," he said.

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Mani+ moving forward

Last April, The Hustler talked with Vanderbilt professor Ted Fischer to learn about Mani+, an organization he founded to combat chronic malnutrition in Guatemala. Mani+ makes nutrition packets containing a fortified peanut paste to supplement the diets of Guatemalan children. Products grown by local farmers are used as ingredients in the packets to promote economic development. The Hustler caught up with Mani+ again after field trials finished in May to hear about the organization's progress and next steps.

By **COLLIER BOWLING**
News reporter

Mani+ is now permitted to sell its nutrition packets to companies for distribution, after it recently completed registration with the Guatemalan government. The registration follows the completion of field trials in the country.

The field trials, required by the Guatemalan Ministry of Health, had a 100-percent acceptance rate among Guatemalans. The field trials also proved to Mani+ that its product and educational plan work in a real-world setting.

Now authorized to sell the nutrition packets, Mani+ does not directly sell to Guatemalans but rather to charitable organizations which then distribute the products to local people. This distribution benefits Guatemalans by allowing peer-to-peer selling among Guatemalan women. The peer-to-peer selling keeps revenue from the product with the Guatemalans.

"It provides income for the women who are selling the packets," Fischer said. "It empowers them."

Another recent advancement for the organization involves the types of nutrition packets offered. Expanding beyond the peanut-based products the organization currently manufactures, Mani+ is in the final stages of creating a fortified sesame butter nutrition packet. Sesame, like the peanut, is grown in Guatemala. This provides a sustainable ingredient option as well as a flavor to which the local people are accustomed.

In addition to providing Guatemalans with nutritional packets, Mani+ is also educating local women on how to engage in long-term planning for family nutrition. Since many women

in the country are illiterate, they are taught nutritional information through cards with images of different foods found in typical Guatemalan kitchens.

The women are then asked to rank the nutritional value of each food shown. After they do this, focus groups headed by Mani+ discuss the foods' nutrition.

"The women like to learn from each other," Fischer said. "Teaching the Guatemalan women in this manner is more effective, and they even help each other come up with ideas on how to consume the nutrition packets we give them."

Outside recognition

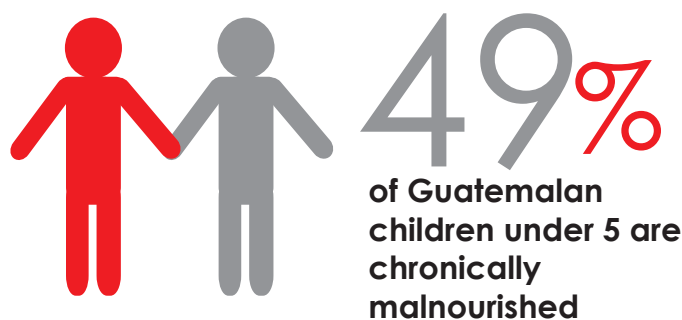
Along with the news of its registration through the Guatemalan government, Mani+ has been recognized through the Guatemalan National Social Innovation Competition and the Littlejohn Undergraduate Research Award.

The Littlejohn Undergraduate Research Award seeks to support undergraduates with an active role in general research, and awarded \$2500 to Mani+. These funds are planned to support sending Vanderbilt students involved in the organization to Guatemala over spring break. The aim is to help further Mani+'s progress in each student's respective field of involvement.

Student involvement

Some Vanderbilt students, like senior Emily Archer, have already been to Guatemala to take active roles in Mani+. While working with the Mani+ team this summer, Archer also built a relationship with Potter's House, an organization that works with communities that live in and around the city garbage dumps.

"I guess the main thing that stands out is how amazing it was to create connections



Nutritional Facts

per supplement

220 kcal

14g fat

6g protein

16g carbs

DATA PROVIDED BY MANI+

between organizations that are working toward similar goals," Archer wrote via email. "There is a lot they can offer each other, and these partnerships have been exciting for all parties involved."

Rachael Grenfell-Dexter, a junior majoring in medicine, health and society and Latin American studies, has researched the subtropical Moringa plant for the organization.

Having lived in Mozambique for most of her life, Grenfell saw her parents, agricultural engineers who worked with non-governmental organizations involved in food security, use the plant there to help children with HIV.

Grenfell noted research on the plant is limited but that Moringa has great potential for use, containing six times the amount of protein and four times the amount of calcium found in milk, among other benefits.

"I saw that Moringa had a big effect with the children in Mozambique," Grenfell said. "So I wanted to do more scientific research and give it just a little bit more of a bite."

Moringa grows easily and quickly, so in the future, Guatemalan families may be able to cultivate the plant to sell to Mani+ for use in some form. This system could promote sustainability and provide liveli-

hoods to Guatemalans, furthering the organizational goals of Mani+.

Addressing a serious need

While these developments represent encouraging progress for Mani+, they come against a background of understanding the severity of the situation in Guatemala. Having visited the country multiple times, Fischer has firsthand knowledge of the immensity of the chronic malnutrition Guatemala is facing.

"Nothing is sadder than seeing kids suffer," Fischer said. "However, it is nice to see that we are having a huge impact and how grateful the families are for us doing something."



Summer of service

What did you do this past summer? Sophomore Shawn Albert spent time in Cambodia volunteering at an orphanage, combating child trafficking and living as a Buddhist monk. He shares the details of his experiences below.

By **GLORIA ROTHENBERG**
News reporter

Shawn Albert, a sophomore studying molecular biology, spent nine weeks in Cambodia this past summer volunteering for three different non-governmental organizations. He divided his time between an orphanage, a monastery and a health services clinic.

Albert credits his experience with giving him an “international perspective” and teaching him to appreciate the modern conveniences of society. His desire to go to Cambodia was rooted in his interests in community service, Buddhism and HIV research.

“I was always interested in going to Southeast Asia,” Albert said.

Albert, who did HIV research in high school, spent the first part of the trip at an orphanage called Wat Opot, which is headed by two Americans. The children at Wat Opot either have been diagnosed with HIV themselves or have primary caretakers who have been affected by HIV.

“While at the orphanage, I helped watch over the kids,” Albert said.

He also set up a Leapster read-

ing system that the orphanage owned but had never installed.

During his stay at the orphanage, he slept in dorms designated for volunteers.

After helping the kids at Wat Opot, Albert traveled to a Buddhist monastery located in Cambodia’s capital, Phnom Penh. Living at the monastery, Albert taught English to the monks in the evenings. He also spent time immersing himself in monastery life, having his head shaved and donning orange robes. During the day, he read about Buddhism and learned from the monks themselves.

“For the past week, I was a monk,” Albert wrote on his blog to describe the experience. “A robe-wearing, four A.M. chanting, meditating Buddhist monk.”

In his blog, Albert describes the daily almsgiving, wherein he traveled through a local village to collect donated food to sustain him throughout the day.

“For all aspects of the monk lifestyle, it is through the generosity of the laity that provides for the monk — food, shelter, clothing, you name it,” Albert wrote.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF SHAWN ALBERT

“For a monk, every last necessity is a donation, a gift that is more likely than not from a stranger.”

Regarding his unique situation, Albert wrote, “Here I was, a foreigner and a beggar. And yet here I was, one of the most respected figures in all of Cambodian society. For a monk, even the King and Queen would gladly bow.”

Albert rounded off his time in Phnom Penh by working in the health services department of Riverkids, an organization that combats child trafficking. While working for Riverkids, he lived in an apartment and had to communicate with a nanny who spoke no English.

Albert’s work with the organi-

zation allowed him to administer basic first aid to children in a clinic. Since most of the children live in unsanitary slums, providing them with antiseptics and antibiotics was a much-needed service.

Additionally, Albert made a presentation in front of slum residents about how to prevent dengue fever, which runs rampant in their area. He also conducted workshops for the nurses hired by Riverkids, giving them more information on “technical aspects” of HIV.

“As a molecular biology major ... I was able to give them a thorough info session,” Albert said.

The trip was funded by Vander-

bilt’s Office of Active Citizenship and Service. Though the Office does not offer an official program that sends students to Cambodia, Albert was able to obtain the funds necessary for his trip.

Overall, Albert’s time abroad confirmed his natural affinity for international service. He can confidently say that his summer vacation did not go to waste.

“I’ve got to say that the best part was living abroad for nine weeks,” Albert said. “I now see things in a different light, for sure.”

“I was able to provide a service to the communities that I worked in,” he said, “but at the same time I gained a lot in return.”

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For Stromer, blogging brings closure, opportunity for advocacy

Stromer also noted that each of his posts had a comments section where readers could leave feedback, which opened up the potential for criticism about an important, and personal, life decision. However, he also acknowledged the positive impact reader comments could have on him.

“Sometimes it can feel like you’re writing ... and you don’t really know if people are actually reading it,” Stromer said. “It’s nice to know that people are reading and that people actually care enough to take the time out of their day to respond to you.”

One of the most difficult parts of his blogging experience is represented in his November post, in which Stromer shares with readers that his mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer. He was encouraged to tell this story by his editor, who noted that others in his position could be experiencing similar situations.

With his mother’s support, he decided to make the news the focus of that month’s entry. Stromer found that writing about the diagnosis helped him

come to terms with it and that the comments section provided an unexpected source of support.

“That was really helpful, just to know that there are people out there who are going through the same thing, and that’s something that I would never have gotten to know, because there are people from other states, other countries, commenting — people who, our paths would never have crossed if it hadn’t been for this,” Stromer said.

The best part of the blogging experience, according to Stromer, was the ability to write about his passions, one of which is advocating for students with disabilities.

“One of my life goals has always been to redefine what it means to have a disability, because I have cerebral palsy, so redefining that and the stereotypes,” Stromer said. “I think that having the credibility of one of the largest papers in the world, and one of the most respected papers, behind you on that really allows you to share your message with a broader audience.”

Stromer hopes to continue his

advocacy work by bringing an anti-bullying campaign he co-founded, Own It, to campus. He describes Own It as a positive, inclusive campaign that encourages people to embrace the ways everyone is different by “owning” these differences. This fall, the campaign will have spread to 22 different high schools across four different states.

Applying Early Decision to Vanderbilt without ever having visited the school, Stromer was initially nervous about the differences between Nashville and his hometown in New York. So far though, he’s found the city an enjoyable place to live.

“The main difference I see is that everyone’s just much nicer, and that’s something I can live with,” he said.

For Stromer, the college choice he communicated to the world last November still feels good.

“I really love that it seems like the campus grows smaller every day — I’m always meeting new people, and finally not getting completely lost, and I love all my classes,” he said. “I couldn’t be more happy with my choice to go to Vandy.”



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Rape case reference guide

To accompany coverage of this summer’s rape case, here’s a quick reference guide to some of the words and phrases associated with the charges and court actions

By TYLER BISHOP
InsideVandy director

Accessory after the fact: A person who, after the committing of a felony, with knowledge that an offender has committed the felony, intentionally does anything that prevents or hinders the arrest, trial, conviction or punishment of an offender.

Aggravated: Refers to a charge that is associated with a heightened degree of violence or some other particularly egregious behavior. With regard to sexual violence in Tennessee, crimes are considered aggravated if force or coercion was used to commit the act, the accused was armed, bodily harm was caused on the victim, the accused was aided by another party or the accused knew the victim was unconscious or mentally or physically helpless.

Arraignment hearing: A hear-

ing at which the accused hears the formal charges brought against him or her and enters a provisional plea. According to a legal expert from Vanderbilt Law School, a defendant virtually always, in serious cases, pleads not guilty. The accused will have either his or her own lawyer or an appointed attorney at the hearing.

Effective consent: Words or actions that show a knowing and voluntary agreement to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. Effective consent cannot be gained by force, by ignoring or acting in spite of the objections of another or by taking advantage of the incapacitation of another, where the accused knows or reasonably should have known of such incapacitation.

Indictment: A formal charge by the grand jury. In Tennessee, if 12 of the 13 grand jurors be-

lieve a crime was committed by the defendant, they will charge, or “indict,” the defendant for that crime.

Rape: A charge that refers to the sexual penetration of a victim.

Sexual battery: A charge that refers to unlawful sexual contact with a victim.

Unlawful photography: An offense in which the defendant knowingly photographed an individual, or caused the individual to be photographed, when the individual was in a place where there was a reasonable expectation of privacy, without the prior effective consent if the photo would have embarrassed an ordinary person or if the photograph or video was taken for sexual arousal or gratification of the defendant.

— Compiled from Tennessee statutes with the help of a Vanderbilt Law School faculty member

17 again

By TYLER BISHOP
InsideVandy director

U.S. News and World Report has ranked Vanderbilt University the 17th best national university in its annual report for the fifth year in a row.

While Vanderbilt has tied with Rice University and the University of Notre Dame in past years, it is the sole school in the 17th spot in the 2014 report, released at midnight on Tuesday. Rice and Notre Dame have fallen to the 18th spot, where they remain tied.

Among national universities that offer the best value, Vanderbilt jumped five spots, moving from 16th to 11th. U.S. News estimated that the average Vanderbilt student pays \$21,313 annually after receiving need-based grants. Vanderbilt graduates also have some of the least debt among college graduates, with an average debt of \$17,349.

“As a great university, we share the privilege and responsibility of empowering our scholars to contribute to the betterment of our society without the burden of crippling debt,” said Vanderbilt Chancellor Nicholas S. Zeppos. “Vanderbilt is pleased for the continued recognition in these rankings as we

stay true to our core missions of education and research.”

U.S. News highlighted the amount of opportunity for undergraduate research and creative projects at Vanderbilt as well as the school’s efforts at student diversity, considering it a university that values varied economic backgrounds in students. The school’s strength in creating learning communities, such as The Martha Rivers Ingram Commons, was also noted.

The Vanderbilt School of Engineering tied with seven other schools at No. 35 on the list of undergraduate engineering schools whose highest degree is a doctorate.

The best national university rankings were determined by weighted measures of quality, including undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, finances, graduation rates and alumni giving.

Vanderbilt is preceded on the list by Cornell University, which is ranked 16th. This year, Princeton, Harvard and Yale are ranked Nos. 1, 2 and 3, respectively.

— Carter Portwood and Vanderbilt University press release contributed to this report.

opinion

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Today, I acknowledge our classmates as they soldier on in soldiering. They have chosen to tread this arduous, strange and wonderful path, and for that, they deserve our attention — and our respect."

MICHAEL GRESHKO



THE RANT

Something got you peeved? Irked? Honked off? The Rant is your place to anonymously vent your spleen on any issue you want. To get your rant on, visit the InsideVandy.com opinion page.

The only thing worse than the jerks who don't re-rack their weights in the Rec Center are the idiots who re-rack their weights IN THE WRONG PLACE.

Kenny Tan should get his own morning talk show on VTV. Breakfast with extended libertarian rants would be that much better.

Why is a Lewis elevator always broken? How do you even break an elevator?

How long is the Kirkland Bell gonna ring? Jeez.

To whoever started the plague spreading on campus: Do you know what the fox says? Fuck you.

If you're feeling down, don't eat Subway. It's like the opposite of comfort food, the Wal-Mart of the deli world. I walk up to the counter feeling like the world sucks, then this sickly, sliced, preserved dead bird confirms it.

If a tree falls in the forest, and no one hears it, does it make a sound? If Vanderbilt men's basketball releases its schedule, will anyone care?

Of course Deke would blast "Blurred Lines" at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

If VIBE doesn't twerk in their next performance, they're doing it wrong.

Hey guys, we have earned zero right to complain about limited student seating in Vanderbilt Stadium. Zero. Get over yourself and start acting like football is the most important thing that happens on Saturdays.

Crawl, walk, run

A quilt of testimony from Vanderbilt ROTC students and a reminder of their commitment



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On a day like today, one charged with patriotic rhetoric, grim memories and self-reflection, we owe it to ourselves to look at our peers: the men and women of Vanderbilt who, as members of Army and Navy ROTC battalions, most directly embody "duty to country" through their short-term and long-term connections to the military.

The following testimony is collated from a series of interviews I conducted with ROTC members over the past week. From many diverse backgrounds and perspectives, they contributed their thoughts on their experiences before and during the program. I've organized the article in three parts, riffing off the Army's teaching philosophy: crawl, walk, run.

Crawl

"My mom was a West Point graduate, and my dad was in ROTC many moons ago. The army wasn't an unfamiliar concept, and I didn't realize the magnitude of that importance until maybe when I got here. For a lot of people, it's a foreign concept to say, 'I'd like to join the army.' It sounds like something someone would only say in a movie."

"My junior year of high school, I already knew I was looking at some of the more expensive schools around the country, and that's when you start thinking: How am I going to fund this? It's hard to turn down a full-tuition ROTC scholarship to your first-choice school — a school that's very expensive."

"When I was in my sophomore year, a West Point graduate came to speak to my class. He'd been deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. Ever since that day, I've dreamed of wearing the uniform, living those Army values he spoke to us about."

"Originally, I wasn't that patriotic of a person."

Walk

"The first home football game last season: It was against South Carolina, a Thursday night. We were out at Edwin Warner Park, about a 20-minute drive from here. We do the push-up club every week, going out and doing push-ups on the board with every point the football team scores. We raced back, we were out there trekking all day, I was dead — dead tired. On a day when I would normally shower and go to bed, I ended up on the football field, up on the pushup board. I looked out on the student section, pitch-black. While I was up there, it clicked for me: This is not just about professional development; I also

get to do some really amazing things with great people."

"It's cool going around on Thursdays in uniform. I think students are intimidated by it. They're mostly curious, not hostile, and they respect it, but it's so different."

"For better or for worse, my friend's views of ROTC are basically dependent on their relationship to me. When I talk to people about it, I'm not sure I really do it justice; I say trite stuff like, 'I don't sleep a lot, but I learn a lot.'"

"Holistically, I'd be less successful without ROTC, and at the end of the day, I'm glad that I'm in the program. Sometimes, it's easy to get caught up in the minutiae, but keeping an eye toward the vision, the intent of what we're doing, that's the key."

"It means the world when a student locks eyes with you and smiles."

Run

"Leadership is not a truism; it's not hocus-pocus. In reality, there's an art and science to effectively managing people, and it doesn't come out of nowhere."

"You've got to take the good with the bad. In a weird way, I've learned how much I like getting dirty and throwing myself into something, all-out."

"This is not easy."

"Fears about deployment are on the backburner, for sure. I'm more anxious about if what I'm learning in school will be applicable in the real world. You might think that it'd be worrying about Syria, Afghanistan. But it's a different question: 'Will I do the best job I can do, wherever I am?'"

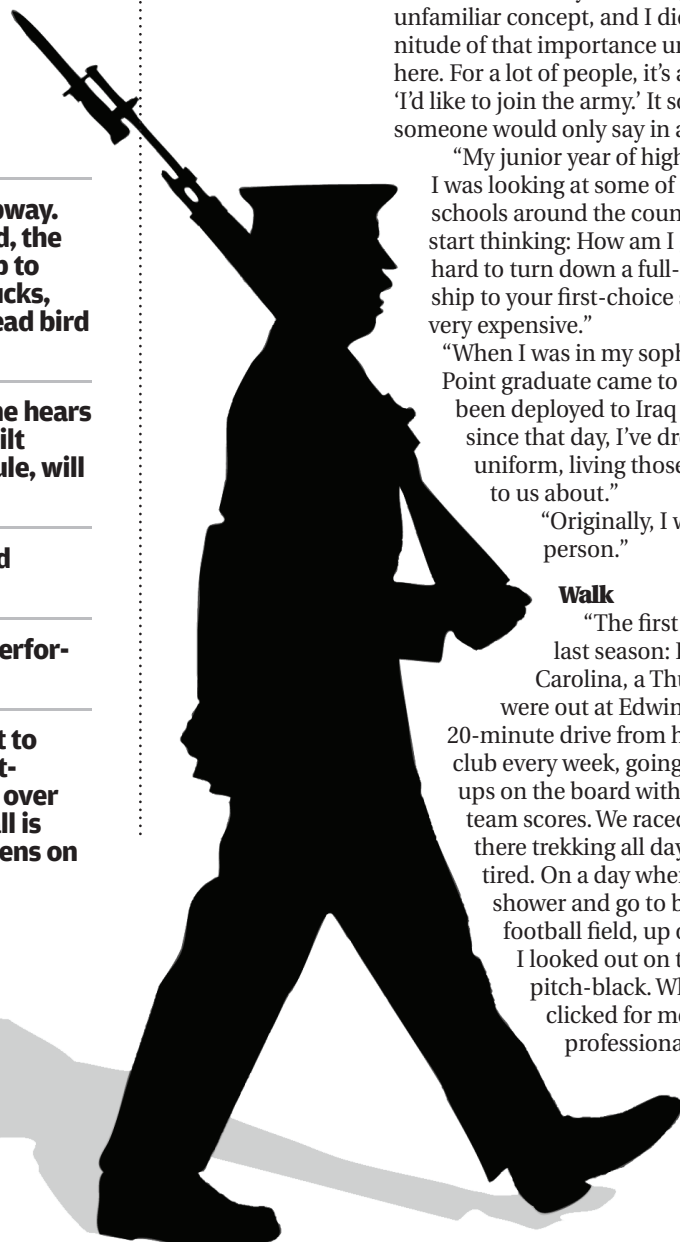
"My mom's a little scared, but my family supports me 100 percent."

"It's a gift and privilege to work with these people. At the end of the day, everyone in the Army said, 'I think I want to go do this.' The past 10 years, we've been in conflict, so the people who applied said, 'That's it, that's me.'"

"It's a frightening responsibility. You've been told that because you've been in four years of ROTC you're somehow qualified to make these high-stakes decisions. Where else are you asked to be so much? In that unforgiving minute — that split second when these people are trusting you — what will you do? Who will you be? That's what the training is for."

Crawl, walk, run: A three-step progression, a slow immersion, a gradual sharpening and honing of skills that produces this nation's finest warriors. Today, I acknowledge our classmates as they soldier on in soldiering. They have chosen to tread this arduous, strange and wonderful path, and for that, they deserve our attention — and our respect.

— Michael Greshko



This last, best hope of earth

An appeal for the revival of American patriotism



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Before school started, I Googled “Vanderbilt 9/11 Weekend of Service” to register the College Republicans to participate, as I had in years past. After a bit of searching, I finally found a link titled “Vanderbilt ‘I Will’ Weekend of Service.” I looked more closely, and it was indeed the event for which I had been looking, but under quite a different name. Instead of the Weekend’s previous mission to give back in honor of the lives lost on Sept. 11, 2001, the call to action had been dramatically revised to say, “What will YOU do to make a difference this year?” Though well-intentioned, this change was quite unexpected.

I do not know the motivations behind this change, but this modification of tradition is reflective of a change in the attitude of Americans toward that tragic event 12 years ago. The fierce loyalty and service to country that were so prevalent among American citizens in the months after that day have been replaced by general apathy — and even a change of the message surrounding it.

We must face the facts: This event occurred, and it was an explicit assault on our nation and all that we stand for as citizens of the United States. There is no need to label such a stance as “making it a political issue.” It is a political issue — one on which conservatives and liberals should agree. Sept. 11 should be a day on which to honor those lost and to look forward to what we can do for this

great nation we are blessed to call home.

One of the reasons for this lack of emotion surrounding Sept. 11 is the gradual decline of patriotism in recent years. Too many of us no longer think of America as the “shining city on a hill” that John Winthrop and Ronald Reagan envisioned. Compare their enthusiasm for America to Obama’s dismissal of such sentiments back in 2010 when he said, “I believe in American exceptionalism, just as I suspect that the Brits believe in British exceptionalism and the Greeks believe in Greek exceptionalism.”

In brief, Obama told us that we are no exception to other nations; our belief in America’s exceptional nature is just our own biased opinion. In 1988, then-President George H.W. Bush pledged that he would “keep America moving forward, always forward, for a better America, for an endless enduring dream and a thousand points of light.” What happened to our hope in that enduring dream? What happened to John F. Kennedy’s motto of “Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country”? Why have we lost our drive to serve?

Day in and day out, we college students hear more facts and figures from our professors about how behind, how backward and how hopeless the U.S. is. Yes, we have some major problems which we as a nation need to address, such as the dire state of American public

education, but our country was founded on principles that gave us the freedom and the opportunity to achieve unforeseen successes. The United States’ previous free-market command combination model of health care, for example, provided enough financial incentive to permit us to create eight out of the 10 most important medical inventions in the past 30 years. We have more social mobility than any country in the world, and thus we have opened up more opportunities for advancement and pursuit of excellence.

Just the other day, I asked my Burmese friend why he came to America. He looked at me, dumbfounded, and replied, “Why wouldn’t I want to come to the United States?” Despite the claims of America’s critics, both domestic and foreign, the American Dream is alive and well.

Why was Sept. 11 such a significant event? It’s because it was a blatant attack on the most powerful nation in the world, one with citizens more patriotic and more loyal than any other country on earth. Today, as we commemorate the victims of that tragedy, we must hold tight to President Lincoln’s words: “We shall nobly save or meanly lose this last, best hope of earth.” To nobly save America, we must continue to believe in it.

— Hillary Rosenjack

Ideas for sale: The economics of free speech

Government’s intervention in the market for goods should parallel its intervention in the market of ideas



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Ronald Coase, the 1991 recipient of the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences, passed away on Sept. 2 at the age of 102. Coase is best known for his study of property rights, transaction costs, private and social costs and the nature of the firm. Though an economist by profession, Coase also had some very interesting thoughts on the First Amendment. On Sept. 17, Young Americans for Liberty at Vanderbilt will be celebrating the First Amendment and Constitution Day by erecting a free speech wall in front of The Commons Center.

In his 1974 essay “The Market for Goods and the Market for Ideas,” Coase argued that there is no fundamental difference between the two markets and that the same approach should be used in their regulation. His essay highlights the hypocrisy of arguing for government intervention in the market for private goods and services while defending the sanctity of the market for ideas.

In the market for goods, sellers and buyers may take advantage of information they have to get a better deal.

When the founders wrote the First Amendment, political speech was the fundamental speech they were eager to protect. But in the market for ideas, politicians may deceive voters or make false promises to them, while voters may remain ignorant about the positions of their elected representatives. If government intervention is justified in the market for goods, then why isn’t it justified in the market for ideas? The answer, of course, is that it isn’t justified in either.

A failure of some sort in one of these markets is not enough to justify government intervention. Governments themselves might fail and exacerbate the very problems they seek to fix.

In public discourse, some bad — but popular — ideas will always exist. In the U.S., we’re willing to tolerate this temporary situation because we know that over time, the good ideas will prevail over the bad ones. Attempting to ensure that only good ideas endure would allow a select few individuals to dictate what is good and bad. In a market for goods, there will be some deceptive mar-

keting and fraud, but if we allow free competition, the producers who supply the best-quality merchandise will be rewarded and the fraudsters will be ousted. Consumers know that if they make bad purchases, they alone will bear the burden of their choices. Thus, consumers in the market for goods have a personal incentive to be informed about their options.

However, in the market for ideas, the costs of voting for a corrupt or ineffective politician are shared by everyone, which explains why voters are so often underinformed. Since the costs are better internalized in our economy, it stands to reason that the market for goods, if anything, should be even less regulated than the market for ideas.

See the benefits of free competition for yourself in a marketplace of ideas on Constitution Day. Join Young Americans for Liberty on Sept. 17 and sell your own ideas on our free speech wall.

— Kenny Tan

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PHOTO ESSAY

Live on the Green

This year's Live on the Green concert series has impressed, bringing in rising stars from California, Local Natives, to play last Thursday night. Local bands Lulu Mae and LEAGUES served as opening acts and were also well-received by the crowd, the largest in Live on the Green's five-year history. **By Bosley Jarrett, photo editor**



Clockwise from top right: Three different acts performed during the 5th concert in the Live on the Green series held at Public Square Park in downtown Nashville including local band, LEAGUES; Nashville family band, Lulu Mae; and the California band Local Natives, which ended the night.

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By Alison Von Deylen, life reporter

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The Belmont Loop

This loop is great for freshmen since it starts from The Commons. It will take you off of Vanderbilt's campus and expose you to the Belmont neighborhood. With an easy to follow there-and-back route, you can make this loop as long as you want. Run until you reach the highway for a 4-mile loop, or keep going towards Lipscomb University for a 6-mile run. **Perfect for:** half-marathon training.



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Vandy Loop

Vandy Loop takes you around campus. You'll run down West End, 21st Avenue and can access the library on campus. With only a relatively short length, this is perfect for beginners and experienced runners. **Perfect for:** 5K training.



Music Row Run

This route will take you down one of Nashville's most famous streets: Music Row. Starting from main campus, you'll run down West End and Blakemore Avenue until you reach 17th Avenue. Running along 17th Avenue, you can take in all the music studios, from big name record companies to small, up-and-coming labels. At 6 miles, this route is a little longer but contains some of the flattest terrain in the city. **Perfect for:** experienced runners.



Centennial Park

Located right across from the bookstore, Centennial is the perfect place to run, walk or just enjoy the outdoors. There is a one-mile loop that is marked every quarter mile, making it easy to keep track of how far you've gone. Once you're done, make sure to check out all the park has to offer, including the Parthenon. **Perfect for:** beginners.



Remembering 9/11 through service

By **MICHELLE PHAN**
Life reporter

Weekend of Service at Vanderbilt brings to service the spirit of commemoration and commitment that the nation demonstrated in the aftermath of 9/11. Started in 2009 by the Office of Active Citizenship and Service as a one-day service program, Weekend of Service grew into a full weekend in order to include the diverse selection of service projects available on- and off-campus. This year, OACS extended the program again from three days to five days, from Sept. 12-16, to avoid conflicting with Yom Kippur.

During these five days, various service projects will be available to students. Students can help socialize animals available for adoption with Vanderbilt Protecting Animal Welfare Society, sort food donations at the Food Bank with Manna International Project or visit and talk to war veterans in with Are You MAD (Making a Difference). The full list of service projects is available on the OACS Anchor Link page.

Students are not the only people involved in

Weekend of Service: many faculty members and OACS officers will participate as well. For example, Clive Mentzel, director of OACS, will be involved with Grassroots and Habitat for Humanity, and Amanda Taylor, the senior program coordinator, intends to fill in anywhere she is needed.

"The way I get involved is through the passion of students," said Mentzel, who highly encourages all to find a service niche to fill.

Weekend of Service is also a weekend of inspiration and remembrance. "There is a lot of beauty in the Weekend of Action or Service. The Vanderbilt community is rising up," said Taylor. However, Mentzel encourages students to extend their participation in service beyond the weekend. "We are really keen to see service as a lifestyle and not just as this single weekend," he said.

To get involved, students can contact the Student Advisory Board in the Office of Active Citizenship and Service via phone or email or go to the office to explore the myriad of service opportunities available on campus.



Renovated Alumni Hall combines form and function



PHOTOS BY JAMES TATUM/ THE VANDERBILT HUSTLER

By **KION SAWNEY**
Multimedia director

On Vanderbilt's campus, construction is no longer uncommon. Since the beginning of Nicholas Zeppos' chancellorship, the university has undertaken an aggressive construction and renovation campaign to compete with other universities across the nation. Within that five-year time span, Vanderbilt completed the Martha River Ingram Commons at Vanderbilt, renovated and expanded Sarratt Student Center and Rand Hall and will soon introduce the Recreation and Wellness Center's expansion in 2014.

With everything going on, it would be understandable for a student to miss the quiet reopening of a building nestled under the shadow of Kirkland Hall.

The newly renovated Alumni Hall, under construction since May 2012 but originally completed in 1925, contains none of the grandeur of the larger aforementioned structures. Its slender form, which equates to only 31,000 square feet, can be easily lost in the myriad of projects more than quadruple its size. Yet what the building lacks in square footage, it greatly compensates for in its architectural detail and

the varying types of space contained in its brick walls.

The hall was renowned architect Henry C. Hibbs' first project at Vanderbilt. Hibbs later designed a series of other buildings on campus including Neely Auditorium, Buttrick Hall, Calhoun Hall and Garland Hall. Over the past decades, the university has renovated most of Hibbs' buildings, most recently the lobby in Neely Auditorium, completed in 2012.

Prior to the creation of Sarratt Student Center, Alumni Hall functioned as the university's original student center for 50 years. When Sarratt Center opened in 1974, Alumni Hall moved outside of the daily paths of most students and became home to administrative offices.

However, thanks to Bruner/Cott Architects and Planners, a firm based in Cambridge, Mass., the renovations have brought students back to the hall that was once central to school activity. In constructing, the firm straddled a fine balance between preserving the historical integrity of the building and creating a student center fit for the future.

Several original features of the building were preserved. Cues to the past are always present, including the 44 names of students, staff and faculty who died in World War I, enshrined in a plaque in the Memorial Room on the second floor. The majority of the building's original woodwork

remains from the Memorial Room to a classroom on the second floor. The classroom also features one of the three fireplaces within the building.

And with the old, the new: numerous walls were removed to give greater access to light in the building and provide easier circulation. The entry area, home to the new Bamboo Bistro, is a prime example of the changes Bruner/Cott made to improve the building.

One of Alumni Hall's most striking details exists in an unexpected place. The building can be traversed vertically by a suspended staircase that unites all its floors. The simplicity and lightness of the staircase lends to the motif of a more open and engaged student center.

The building also features two new patios in its front and rear, allowing for an extension of the building without impeding upon the existing structure. The patio exist as a clear symbol to a enliven building.

It's difficult to determine what the renewed character of Alumni Hall will mean for the student body, and as the campus evolves, so too will the character of this structure. What is certain, however, is that Alumni Hall has been returned to those it was intended for and is a fine tribute to them.

'Ever After' brings fantasy to college

New fiction web series from VTV explores the lives of princesses on campus. Producer Julia Seales walks us through the premise for her new show.

By **KARA SHERRER**
Life reporter

What would happen if Snow White went to college? The very thought of this may make you laugh, but that's the reaction that Julia Seales, the producer and creator of VTV's new web series "University Ever After," hopes her new show will elicit.

"Ever After" follows the college adventures (and sometimes misadventures) of six princesses at the fictional Walt University: Cinderella (also known as Ella), the narrator; Rapunzel, a homeschooled freshman; Belle, a bookish nerd; Ari, a swimmer who dreams of becoming a singer; Snow White, a member of an indie-rock band; and Rose Red, a philanthropist who loves helping the elderly.

"The concept is that these princesses are living in a living-learning community where they have to film their lives and talk about life at their school for prospective students,"

1: Rose Red Rachel Brittain

Rose Red spends the better part of her days volunteering. To the nondescript Prince Charmings itching to invite her to their fraternity balls, forget it. She's got better things to do.

2: Ari Shannon Corey

Though she's the star of the swim team, she'd rather be in front of a microphone than under the sea. Don't be surprised if you catch her in the locker room singing into a dinglehopper.

3: Belle Julia Seales

Belle's the bookworm princess and knows more about talking dining utensils and French folklore than anyone else at the university. Her guilty pleasure? Gossip. That's why her hair's so big: it's full of secrets.

4: Snow White Katherine Smith

This Snow White doesn't whistle while she works — she rocks out. She'd rather have seven dwarf groupies than a crew of princess sidekicks. Those ladies are too mainstream, anyhow.



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5: Rapunzel Lauren Mandel

After being homeschooled for years, freshman Rapunzel's ready to rage. The epitome of "long hair, don't care," she lives by Y.O.H.E.A.O — "You only happily ever after once."

6: Ella Kamyl Harvey

A senior fashion design major, Ella's got one goal in mind: an internship at "The Charming Company," a major clothing line. Orange isn't the new black — glass slippers are.

Also shown, from left to right: Clorinda (Annelise Kitching), Tink (Megan Ward), Ben Bete (Joseph Ford), Eli Prince (Samuel Lockridge), Hunter (Jacob Cox)

Seales said. "So, they're speaking directly to the camera."

The show has a mockumentary style similar to that of NBC's "The Office" and the web series "The Lizzie Bennet Diaries." In fact, Seales said that humor is a defining element of the show, and that the cast even features several members from Tongue 'n' Cheek, Vanderbilt's premier improvisational comedy group.

"We definitely have a parody spin to it and a sarcastic edge ... (so) it will appeal to both guys and girls," Seales said.

Music will also be an integral part of "Ever After." Inspired by Joss Whedon's musical web series "Doctor Horrible," Seales wrote eight songs that will be performed throughout the series. Some of the cast members will also play instruments on the tracks.

"Ever After" is neither Seales' first venture into music writing nor her first web series for VTV. Seales got involved with VTV last year, anchoring for "VTV News" and working a few crew jobs during the fall semester. She then produced the original zombie-musical web series "Bachelor of Strange" during the spring.

While she enjoyed working on "Bachelor of Strange," Seales decided to turn her attention to "Ever After," writing 30 episodes over the summer. To her, exploring the lives of modern-day fairy tale characters was a natural choice for a web series.

"It's easier to build an audience when they're already familiar with the concept," she said. "I think there's a great humor to be found in taking a concept (like fairy tales) that people have already heard of before and

twisting it into something new."

Episodes of "Ever After" are two to five minutes long and will air twice a week on campus television's Channel 6. They will also be posted on YouTube and VTV's official website for streaming, with the first episode set for release on Tuesday, Sept. 17.

While the short and flexible nature of web series imposes certain constraints on the filming process, Seales is excited about the opportunity that web production creates for shows like "Ever After" — and students like her.

"The great thing about web production is that there's no barrier to entry," Seales said. "It's great for students like us because if we want to do a show, we can just do it. I just love that aspect."

By **SAARA ASIKAINEN**
Life reporter

'VTV News/Morning VU': If you're a news junkie addicted to "NBC Nightly News" or similar shows, you should watch VTV's take on campus news — which has the added benefit of being directly relevant to your life. Bringing you campus news and interviews with students and faculty, VTV's anchors shoot live every Wednesday at 8 p.m. Similarly, if you're having a mid-morning slump (or perhaps just a breakfast you grabbed from Rand) and want a useful way to procrastinate, then you can turn to "Morning VU." With a time slot adjusted for the college

student's definition of "morning," the show airs every Monday and Wednesday at 11 a.m.

'Point of VU': For more politically-minded students or for those looking for an argument for a political science class, feel free to utilize your fellow students by watching our very own version of "Meet the Press." Featuring new episodes every month with roundtable discussions, "Point of VU" offers the perfect opportunity to catch up on the news that doesn't cause flame wars on Facebook.

'VU Sports Wired': If you're as obsessed with sports as ESPN's "SportsCenter" is, be sure to check out "VU Sports Wired." Examining

both the past and the future, the show keeps you up-to-date on Vanderbilt's many sports, providing predictions and recaps as well as interviews with players and coaches. The show airs every Thursday at 6:15 p.m.

'The Scoop': If your tastes run toward the lighter side when it comes to learning about the world outside the Vanderbubble (And let's face it, whose tastes don't?) Vanderbilt's equivalent of "E! News" brings you entertainment news twice a month. With fewer airtimes than its real-world equivalent, "The Scoop" promises a more focused look at entertainment news with its take on music, movies, fashion and celebrities.

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By **SAARA ASIKAINEN**
Life reporter



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ANIMALS: Hedrick's racing pigs (every day)

Yes, pig racing is actually a daily event at the Tennessee State Fair. No word on how "Hedrick" plans on getting the diminutive livestock to run, but if this doesn't get you in a good mood amid all the schoolwork that is inevitably already piling up, nothing will.

PAGEANTS: Baby and toddler pageants (Saturday, Sept. 14, all day)

If "Toddlers and Tiaras" is your thing, then so is this. You can watch girls and boys ranging from ages "birth to 16" compete for titles such as "Little Miss Princess" throughout the day, hopefully without the sugar crash-induced temper tantrums.

FOOD: Two-Crust Apple Pie Contest (Saturday, Sept. 14 at 3 p.m.)

If you bake a mean version of the most American of all pies, this is the fair for you. Promising fame and fortune, the pie recipe and winner's bio will be published in "a Tennessee publication," and the winner will receive \$500. The first annual pie-baking contest accepts entries from all individuals, whose pies will be judged on "general appearance, texture, filling and flavor." And hey, even if you don't win, all competitors get free parking.

MUSIC: Karla Davis (Sunday, Sept. 15, 7:30-9:50 p.m.)

At a fair that runs decidedly in the direction of country and family, this young Southern talent might be just the thing for the college-student crowd. If her YouTube channel is anything to go by, you can expect a lot of poppy acoustic guitar covers from the former "The Voice" contestant from North Carolina.

The Tennessee State Fair is held at the Tennessee Fairgrounds at 500 Wedgewood Ave. until Sept. 15. Tickets for adults are \$8. More information is available at <http://tnstatefair.org>

Local Natives unite diverse crowd at Live on the Green

New to the mainstream, the California band pleased Public Square Park with selections from their two very different albums

By **TIMOUR KAMRAN**
Life reporter

Just a couple years ago, if it had been announced that the band Local Natives was headlining Live on the Green, the general reaction would have been similar to that of My Morning Jacket's performance at Commodore Quake in 2011 — underwhelming and apathetic. However, after an endlessly energetic tour and the release of their sophomore album "Hummingbird," Local Natives have finally moved into the mainstream — and the turnout Thursday night proved it.

In fact, the buzz surrounding Local Natives' Live on the Green set was palpable on both sides of the stage. While the band put on a passionate, electric show, the crowd continuously boasted its fandom,

These boots were made for walking (to another pizza joint)

By **KATERINA ROSEN**
Life reporter

If you've been to any of the Two Boots locations in New York City and fell in love with the famously crispy, Cajun-inspired pizza, don't expect the franchise's branch in Nashville to live up to your expectations.

The Tony Clifton pizza is named after a fictional lounge singer — specifically, a satirical caricature of a lounge singer — brought to life by comedian Andy Kaufman. And, like the stereotypical lounge singer, the Tony Clifton is underwhelming and ultimately bland. The flavor and texture of the crust is reminiscent of cardboard, probably resulting from reheating stored pizza. Additional adjectives to describe the pizza include dry, off-putting and unpalatable.

Where the restaurant lacks in substance, it compensates in ambience. The atmosphere is bright, colorful and upbeat. The inviting inside and outside of the restaurant look exactly like those of every



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singing along to most of the set.

Local Natives played a combination of songs from both their first and second albums. While longtime fans may have been surprised by the driving afrobeat and vibrant rhythms of "Hummingbird," the band's drastically different sound actually complimented the more contemplative, textured music of the collective's debut album "Gorilla Manor."

The result was a dynamic set full of musical peaks and valleys that could only have resulted from combining tracks from two distinct albums. Moshers and crowd surfers took advantage of the higher-energy songs, particularly during cuts like "Warning Sign" and an a cappella rendition of "Sun Hand" that was one of the highlights of the night. In between, slower, more emotional songs like "Columbia" and "Mt. Washington" proved the band

could still play the crowd's heartstrings as well as its guitars.

Like the sounds of the band's two albums, crowds at outdoor music events are often divided: the few die-hard fans jump and dance in the center, while the rest stand in a ring around them, listening silently. Not so at Live on the Green, where both groups blended together, singing and dancing along to the spirited set, making the Los Angeles-based band feel welcome in Nashville.

During the night, front man Kelcey Ayer jokingly told the crowd, "From now on, we're only playing shows on the courthouse steps in Public Square Park in Nashville." If Thursday's turnout was any indication, Local Natives will play for many more crowds all over the country just as big as the one at Live on the Green.

other Two Boots location — which is a good thing. The funky decor, complete with brightly painted walls and quirky furniture, is definitely a plus. Not to mention, the staff was extremely friendly and the service was speedy. The manager was polite and outgoing, too.

Nonetheless, the atmosphere and staff did not make up for the poor quality of the pizza. In sum, Two Boots Nashville turned out to be subpar compared to the wide array of other local hotspots right in the neighborhood. Skip this joint and head to Soulshine Pizza right around the corner. The prices at Soulshine are comparable and, as for the pizza, it's superior.

Two thumbs down, Two Boots.

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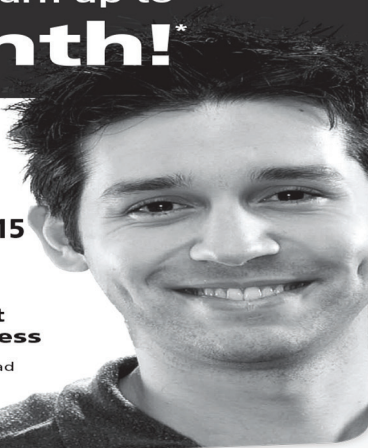
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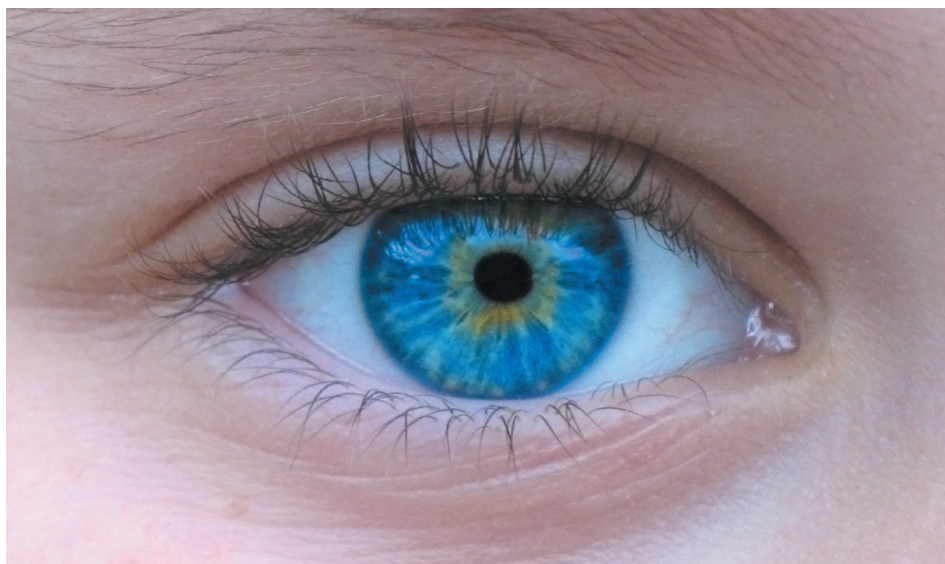


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VANDERBILT OR BUST

By ALLISON MAST
Sports editor

On Nov. 6, 2010, 39 seconds were left on the clock when true freshman Jordan Matthews leapt past a Florida defender. As he approached the upper-right corner of the end zone, he extended his right arm. A split second later, the ball, thrown by quarterback Jared Funk, was at his fingertips. He pulled it to his chest, tumbling to the ground with his defender close behind him. After he realized that he had just made his first collegiate touchdown, he jumped to his feet and sprinted toward the sideline where his teammates stood beaming.

The scoreboard read, Florida: 55, Vanderbilt: 14.

"I remember I couldn't see the ball but I just felt it, and when I felt it in my hand, I kind of just squeezed," said Matthews, now a senior wide receiver and a captain of the Vanderbilt football team. "When I came down with it, I started freaking out because I couldn't believe I actually caught the ball, and it was a touchdown. And then, if you watch the replay, I just start running hysterically and I think I chest-bumped like five people. We were down by 40 — it was all bad when you think about it. I had no idea that I caught it, but I was very fortunate to bring it in."

Last season, he set the Vanderbilt single-

season record for receiving yards and garnered national attention for his on-field heroics alongside fellow receiver Chris Boyd, who remains suspended from the team after becoming embroiled in the high-profile sexual assault case that still looms over the team.

According to former Vanderbilt quarterback Larry Smith, who threw to Matthews in his first two years as a Commodore, the receiver first showed his potential in that lopsided SEC matchup. "We all knew J. Matt would be special when he made a one-handed catch against Florida during his freshman season," Smith said. In that moment, it was easy to forget that Matthews nearly hung up his cleats after high

school — and not by choice.

Jordan Matthews grew up in Madison, a small city in northern Alabama. The city's motto, "Play hard, learn well and live richly," reflects Matthews' upbringing and his early encounters with football.

"I started playing football in fifth grade," he said. "My brother was a sixth grader, so I moved up to play a year older so I was always playing with older guys when I was younger." Despite his disadvantages in age and size, Matthews was never deterred, playing hard regardless of his competition or the occasion.

Early on, he developed a habit of sprinting downfield whenever he caught a pass during training. Picture that post-touchdown dash against Florida, but in scrimmages, pregame workouts and even everyday drills. This mentality now characterizes the receiver.

"Whenever I catch the ball, I always run and go score," Matthews said. "They kind of laughed at me at first when I was young. 'He's crazy — why is he doing that?' But now they understand, and now they really appreciate me for it."

Matthews credits his father for instilling in him his work ethic and the fundamentals that have



allowed him to excel on the field. However, it is all-time NFL great Jerry Rice whom Matthews tries to emulate while on the field.

“My dad was more of a basketball player, but he was really the one who taught me,” he said. “I learned most of the stuff from him, but my cousin being Jerry Rice, I always looked up to him. My first number I wore in football was 80, so I kind of wanted to be just like him. I also play receiver. That’s kind of the person I looked up to on the field as far as a role model, but I always learned from my father.”

Matthews continued to improve and learn at Madison Academy, a private high school in his hometown where he became a starter as a sophomore. His career culminated in a spectacular senior season that his peers would describe as near-perfect. Over four years, he accumulated 181 catches, 3,218 receiving yards and 38 touchdown catches. Matthews, however, was thinking beyond high school accolades. He was waiting for telephone calls and fancy envelopes that weren’t coming.

“I feel like I accomplished a lot of my goals — All-State, led my team to an undefeated season my senior year, played a lot young,” he said, a bit hesitant. “But it was also somewhat disappointing in the end because we never got to that state championship game my senior year, and also, I ended the year without any college offers.”

Just like that, Matthews saw his football career coming to an end. His hours of practice now seemed useless as he prepared to attend college as a student, not as a student-athlete.

Finally, however, he received an offer from Vanderbilt. When it became clear that he would not receive any additional offers, he signed his letter of intent and prepared to become a Commodore.



Matthews (87) is defended in the end zone during the first half of the game against Austin Peay at Vanderbilt Stadium. The Commodores defeated the Governors 38-3, and Matthews finished with six catches for 111 yards and one touchdown.

“It wasn’t one of those situations where I just got it by numbers,” Matthews said. “It was more a guy had to decommit for me to get his scholarship, so I was also very thankful because a guy looked at a different opportunity and took that one and ended up giving me the opportunity to come here.”

Describing the moment Vanderbilt offered him a scholarship, he says he felt “great” and “fortunate,” still slightly shocked by the twist of fate. However, people who watched his senior season in high school were hardly surprised by this opportunity to play at the next level.

Re Lindsey, who played quarterback at Madison Academy during that undefeated season, lauded Matthews for his work ethic. “We all knew he was going to get the scholarship offer from Vanderbilt,” Lindsey said. “It was just a matter of time.”

In Nashville, Matthews made an impact immediately, appearing in all 12 games as a true freshman. He finished the 2010-11 season with a modest 181 yards but increased his receiving yardage by nearly 600 during his sophomore campaign. This was followed by his record-breaking junior year during which his name was first mentioned in connection to the 2013 Heisman Award.

Still, despite all his records and awards, Matthews has kept his underdog mentality.

“I have always lived by working hard,” he said, “but I would say the biggest thing I’ve kept is just the chip on my shoulder, knowing that throughout high school, I was never really noticed and nobody wanted to jump in and give me a scholarship from Division I all the way down to Division III, so I’ve always kept that chip on my shoulder.

“I feel like if anyone ever gave me a chance, I was going to play my best for them and give them the best four seasons that I could in football.”

For a week, Matthews considered going back on this promise and forfeiting his senior season in favor of the NFL draft. After a spectacular year at receiver, which earned him

a first team All-SEC selection, he was tempted to join the league in which his cousin had famously flourished.

“For a while it was 50-50,” he said. “There were a lot of things pulling me in each direction. When I looked at it, my parents, they were very pivotal in that decision. My mom was always talking about making sure I got my education because I know I want to play football for a long time, but it was always important for me to be able to get my degree while I’m in school now instead of going back to finish.

“Plus, probably the biggest thing was my faith in the team. I knew that the guys that were still going to be here were good enough to win a lot of games, so my confidence in them also helped me to be able to come back and not even worry about the other stuff.”

So far, his teammates have not been disappointed. The Commodore offensive line and quarterback Austyn Carta-Samuels have helped Matthews post two 100-plus yard games, including a 178-yard performance against Ole Miss in the season opener. Suddenly, a slew of awards and records are within reach.

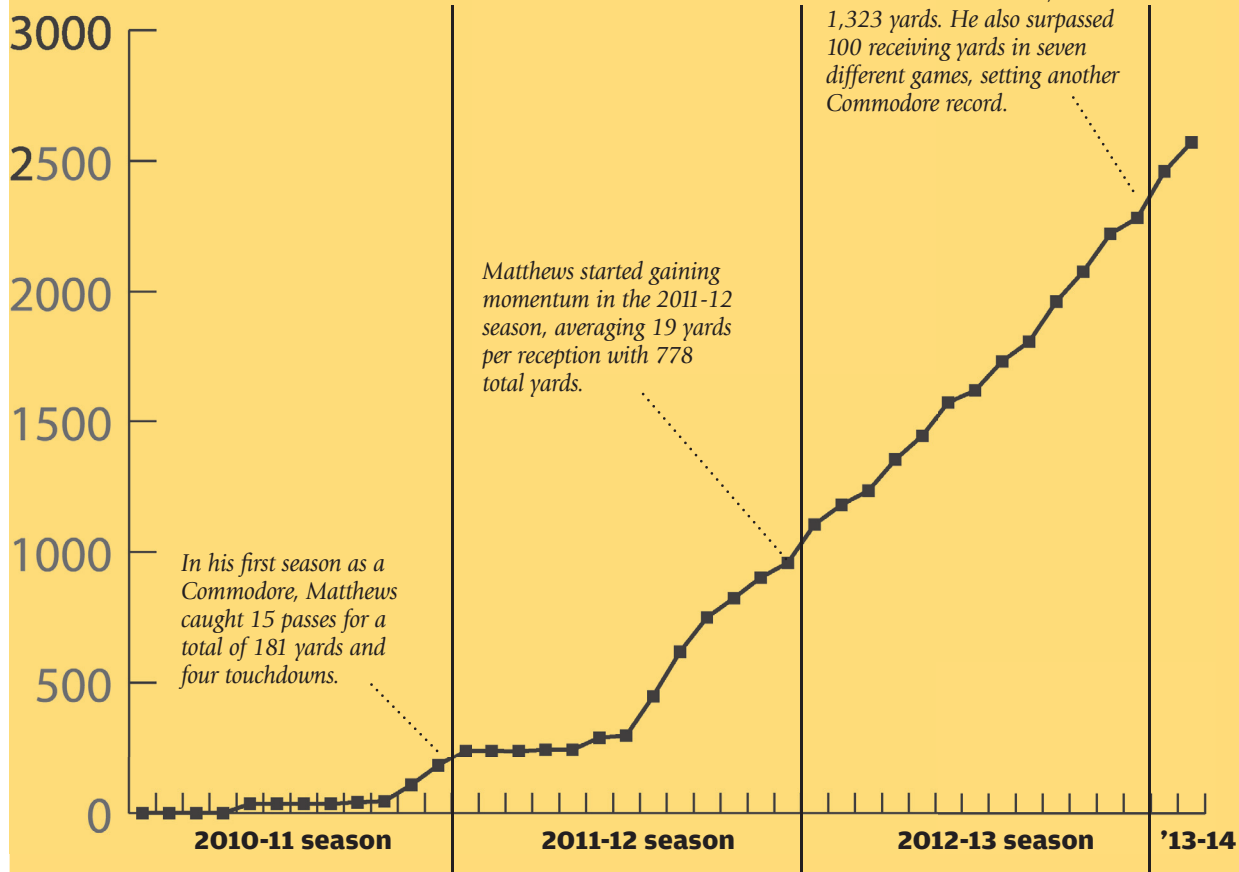
Going into the third game of the season, Matthews is 523 yards away from breaking the SEC’s career receiving yards record. He is also 71 catches from holding the conference’s standard in that category.

It is clear that there is more in store for Matthews. Coaches will continue to scratch their heads, wondering, “Where did this guy come from?” How could they have overlooked this rare talent? What was said amongst uninterested recruiters four years ago remains unknown, but Matthews works hard to prove them wrong. He belongs in the SEC.

And this season could very well be his best. Lindsey, who has watched his former teammate since they both left Madison three years ago, has nothing but confidence in his old friend.

“Jordan has an unparalleled work ethic that very few people have the will to match,” Lindsey said. “As long as he keeps working hard, he will be successful on Sundays.”

NUMBER OF RECEIVING YARDS IN JORDAN MATTHEWS’ COLLEGE CAREER (BY GAME)



SEC POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 2

Each week I rank the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week, Georgia put itself in the driver's seat for the SEC East, no teams are 0-2 (even Kentucky), Florida may not actually be any good and we wonder what Johnny Football should be publicly shamed for this week.

By **JACKSON MARTIN**
Sports reporter

**1. No. 1 Alabama (1-0, 0-0 SEC)**

The Crimson Tide absolutely annihilated the competition this week, putting yet another helpless college team down with a stifling defense and a soul-crushing offensive attack that drains the life out of its victims before stepping on their throats.

Actually, Alabama had a bye week, but you totally believed me there, didn't you?

**2. No. 8 LSU (2-0, 0-0)**

The Tigers remain the only SEC team to have two impressive wins against FBS competition, though UAB barely qualifies. The Tigers will roll through the next two opponents as well and will get a top-10 matchup with Georgia on Sept. 28 that will have tremendous national title implications.

**3. No. 9 Georgia (1-1, 1-0)**

Georgia has allowed more than 200 yards rushing in five of its last six games, with the only miss being Clemson's 197 yards in Week One. Georgia is also 4-2 in those games but no, you absolutely must have a dominating defense to win games in the ESS-EEE-SEE, Pawwll.

**4. No. 6 Texas A&M (2-0, 0-0)**

Johnny Football and the Aggies dominated FCS powerhouse Sam Houston State to the tune of a 65-28 blowout. The BearKats (yes, that's their mascot and yes, it is awful) effectively served as a warm-up for this week's BIGGEST FOOTBALL GAME IN THE HISTORY OF FOOTBALL EVER between A&M and Alabama. Expect more moral outrage over whatever typical college-student thing Johnny Manziel is doing this week, and also expect Nick Saban to either crush the Aggies or force-choke one of his own players trying to because, in this joke, Nick Saban is Darth Vader.

**5. No. 13 South Carolina (1-1, 0-1)**

During Saturday's game, three South Carolina coaches got into a fight that nearly came to blows on the sidelines. That's a pretty good metaphor for what happened to the Gamecocks on the field, as Georgia torched the supposedly stout defense for 41 points and could have scored even more at the end. You're going to hear stories this week about how Jadeveon Clowney isn't living up to the hype. You should also realize that it is literally impossible for any defensive end to live up to that hype, and instead, just enjoy watching this freak athlete play football.

**6. No. 18 Florida (1-1, 0-0)**

I made a joke last week about how Jeff Driskel should quit football and take up knitting. As my mother rightly pointed out to me afterwards, knitting is actually very difficult, and Jeff Driskel likely would be even less successful there than he is as a painfully mediocre college quarterback.

NARROWING THE GAP

Position battles loom as Commodores down Governors 38-3

By **PATRICK GIVENS**
Sports reporter

In a game that saw Vanderbilt dominate Austin Peay, some of the most important action took place amongst the Commodores. Even though the home team started slowly, the outcome of the game was never really in doubt, as the Commodores scored 35 points in the second quarter en route to a 38-0 halftime lead, their largest since a 1999 game against The Citadel. Austin Peay never threatened the Commodores and did not gain a first down in the first half, making the position battles the most interesting aspect of the game.

The running game

During the first couple weeks of the season, Vanderbilt has employed a 1A, 1B and 1C running back strategy, with head coach James Franklin neglecting to name a season-long starter. Senior Wesley Tate, the Commodores' top returning rusher, has garnered the nod both weeks, but redshirt sophomore Jerron Seymour and true sophomore Brian Kimbrow narrowed the gap in Week Two. Against the Governors, Seymour and Kimbrow carried the ball nine and eight times, respectively, with Tate only getting five carries.

Kimbrow appeared to gain the most ground in this weekly competition, showing that he can run up the middle effectively and utilize his speed, picking up a quick 24-yard burst. Franklin praised Kimbrow's talent but referenced the opener against Ole Miss, during which Kimbrow put the ball on the turf twice. "He has good hands and quickness. He has to



protect the football," Franklin said.

Seymour also played well, reminding Commodore fans of Vanderbilt's all-time leading rusher Zac Stacy with his short stature and hard-nosed running between tackles. Franklin will likely continue to employ the three-pronged attack, but Kimbrow or Seymour could get the starting selection later in the season.

The No. 2 quarterback

Another position battle took place long after the outcome of the game had been decided. Listed as the backup quarterback on the preseason depth chart, redshirt sophomore Josh Grady relieved starter Austyn Carta-Samuels at the beginning of the second half but ended up only throwing two passes during the night, including an interception downfield on his first series. Grady's second series resulted in a quick three and out. He was pulled in favor of redshirt freshman Patton Robinette, which was likely a move that was planned pre-game to get both quarterbacks an equal number of reps.

Robinette showed some bright spots with both his legs and his arm, completing four of five passes for 41 yards and carrying the ball three times for 20 yards. Although neither of his drives resulted in points, the Commodores were able to move the ball and were knocking on the door when the clock expired. Franklin maintains that the battle is still up in the air.

"It's still a weekly competition," he said. "No one has



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Above, Brian Kimbrow (25) during the Vanderbilt vs. Austin Peay game ending with a 38-3 Commodore victory. Below, Patton Robinette (4), who played the whole fourth quarter in the game last Saturday.

exerted themselves as our No. 2."

Other battles

Two more position battles to watch come at middle linebacker and wide receiver. With senior middle linebacker Chase Garnham sidelined with a leg injury, sophomore Jake Sealand started in his stead, accounting for two tackles on nine drives. Sealand has been splitting

time with redshirt freshman Harding Harper, who finished the night with three tackles. Franklin declined to comment on the extent of Garnham's injury.

At the No. 2 wide receiver slot, highly touted freshman Jordan Cunningham emerged on Saturday, catching seven balls for 67 yards, putting pressure on senior Jonathan Krause. Krause had two receptions for 60 yards on Saturday.

3 matchups to watch

Vanderbilt vs. South Carolina

By **ISIS FREEMAN**
Sports reporter

Wesley Johnson (LT) vs. Jadeveon Clowney (DE)

Just as the Commodores' opening game against the Rebels called for the smart and methodical playing style of Wesley Johnson, so too does this week's matchup versus the Gamecocks. Lining up against the left tackle is South Carolina defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, ranked No. 1 on ESPN's SEC's best 25 players list. After Clowney's lackluster performance against North Carolina in the team's opener and his unimpressive play against the Bulldogs over the weekend, the defensive end has a lot to prove.

According to ESPN Stats & Info, the Bulldogs averaged 8.3 yards per play during Clowney's time on the field compared to the 2.8 yards per play Georgia earned during the time that Clowney was not on the field. Needless to say, Clowney was hardly a game-changer for the Gamecocks on Saturday. Keep in mind, however, that Clowney got off to a slow start last season before being awarded the Hendricks Award as the nation's top defensive end. Johnson will have to continue to draw from his impeccable and versatile form to shut down this SEC



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nightmare for the third week in a row.

Vanderbilt defensive line vs. South Carolina offensive line

South Carolina's pounding ground game has been a force to be reckoned with for a few seasons now. With the absence of team favorite Marcus Lattimore, the Gamecocks now have to draw from different positions to maintain the reputation of their running game. While the team has fresh talent in 5-foot-9, 215-pound sophomore running back Mike Davis, it is really South Carolina's massive offensive line that has allowed the Gamecocks to dominate the line of scrimmage and in turn march the ball down the field. The line is stacked with veterans and, though previously a sore spot in South Carolina's offensive schemes, is said to be the best of the Spurrier era.

It is up to the Commodore defensive linemen, especially aggressive defensive ends Walker May, Kyle Woestmann and Caleb Azubike, to shut down the Game-

cocks' run game and stifle the energy of the team's offense. This matchup will be a crucial one for crippling South Carolina's offense and getting Vanderbilt's first SEC win of the season.

Vanderbilt Flyboyz vs. South Carolina secondary

Vanderbilt's pass game has been an integral part of the team's offense since James Franklin came onto the scene. Especially with the departure of crucial running back Zac Stacy, the Commodores have depended more and more on the effort of their wide receivers to get points on the board. With the senior leadership of Jordan Matthews and Jonathan Krause, as well as the role of budding freshman Jordan Cunningham, the Flyboyz continuously run over teams' secondaries. Considering South Carolina's defense is seemingly comprised of Jadeveon Clowney alone, the Commodores have a great opportunity to again delight audiences with some extravagant receptions.

MEN'S GOLF TAKES SECOND AT CARMEL CUP

By **MATT LIEBERSON**
Sports reporter

After a successful 36 holes of golf on Friday and Saturday at the Carmel Cup in Pebble Beach, Calif., the men's golf team qualified for the championship. In the end, the Commodores couldn't catch the UNLV Runnin' Rebels in the final matches, losing 4.5-1.5 and taking home second place.

UNLV and Vanderbilt qualified for the finals after securing the top two spots in stroke play Friday and Saturday. UNLV posted 363 on Friday and 365 on Saturday for a total of 728, and Vanderbilt had a 363 and a 367 for a combined 730. Texas Tech and Arizona could not keep pace, falling out of the championship on Saturday. Texas Tech took third place in the consolation matches Sunday.

The first two days provided some great positives for the Commodore golfers. After Friday, sophomore John Voetsch led the field with a score of 69, and on Saturday, freshman Matthias Schwab ascended to the top of the leaderboard with a 141 (73-68).

"He has shown us many great things in his short time here," said senior Charlie Ewing, who was impressed with the poise Schwab displayed on the course. Schwab birdied three of the last four holes to be the stroke medalist for the first two days. "He thinks his way around a golf course so well," Ewing said, "and that allows him to play stress-free golf."

Other top-finishing Commodores from the stroke-play section included junior Hunter Stewart tied for third place with a 145 (71-74), and Voetsch tied for eighth with a 146 (69-77). Ewing and junior Ben Fogler also placed in the top 15 of stroke play.

Even with great stroke play, Vanderbilt could not get it going against UNLV. The Commodores earned their points in a 6 and 5 victory from Ewing and a halved match from Fogler. Aside from Ewing's victory, the Commodores failed to take another match from the Runnin' Rebels. The Sunday matches were close, with three of the four Vanderbilt losses coming on the 17th or 18th hole.

"They just outplayed us Sunday," Ewing said. "They made the big shots — big putts that you have to make to win golf tournaments."

Ewing looks toward the future with optimism, hoping to learn from the loss. "We had an opportunity to win against a great team late in the day," he said. "Moving forward, we need to understand what to do differently to finish on top. We had six guys fight hard for 54 holes this week, and there are always positives to take from that."

SEC POWER RANKINGS: WEEK 2 CONTINUED

Ole Miss

7. No. 25 Ole Miss (2-0, 1-0)

The Rebels are playing Texas, which just fired its defensive coordinator, this week. Expect quarterback Bo Wallace to throw for 6,000 yards and storm the Alamo while he's at it. This one might as well be played in Chicago, because the Longhorns are headed for the slaughterhouse.

V

8. Vanderbilt (1-1, 0-1)

A 38-3 win over Austin Peay doesn't tell us anything about this Commodore team that we didn't already know. This weekend's game against South Carolina may be the biggest opportunity for that huge upset James Franklin has been looking for since he arrived on campus in December 2010.

AU

9. Auburn (2-0, 0-0)

The Tigers look like a bowl team this year. For a program that won a national title two years ago, that doesn't sound like much. But if you saw them play last year, a bowl appears to be a small miracle.

On another note, I don't often write serious things for these rankings, but I want to at least mention Auburn offensive lineman Shon Coleman, who played Saturday for the first time since he was diagnosed with leukemia as a four-star high school recruit in 2010.

M

10. Missouri (2-0, 0-0)

Two wins over middling competition have the Tigers on the right path. Winning the next two, against Indiana and Arkansas State, will be tougher. It will still take everything to go right for this Missouri team to make a bowl game this year, but the Tigers' dangerous offense gives them that chance.

STATE

11. Mississippi State (1-1, 0-0)

I don't particularly feel like breaking down a 51-7 win over Alcorn State, so let's get back to Alabama-Texas A&M for a minute. If you really think that Nick Saban is going to let his team lose to the Aggies two years in a row, then you're crazy. However, Johnny Manziel is also crazy and could very well win that game on his own.

T

12. Tennessee (2-0, 0-0)

Watching the Vols clobber Western Kentucky and Bobby Petrino was a weird experience. For much of the game, the Hill-toppers looked like the better team. They moved the ball better, their defense locked down and they looked to all the world like a team about to pull a big upset. That is, except for that stretch in the first half where they turned the ball over five times in six plays. Oops.

UK

13. Kentucky (1-1, 0-0)

Kentucky gets a week out of the cellar for beating (an admittedly awful) Miami-Ohio team by 34 points. Congratulations to all six of the Kentucky football fans out there. Now, have fun dealing with Louisville this week and a likely return to the No. 14 spot next week.

(Weeks without a basketball joke: Three.)

Razorback

14. Arkansas (2-0, 0-0)

Arkansas drops down to the bottom spot for beating Samford by only 10. What is a Samford, you ask? I don't really know, except that it beat Georgia State (dubbed by many as the worst Division I college football team) by just 10 the week before. This might be the first time in the history of the rankings that a 2-0 team has been in the bottom spot, but that was a really ugly game for the Razorbacks.

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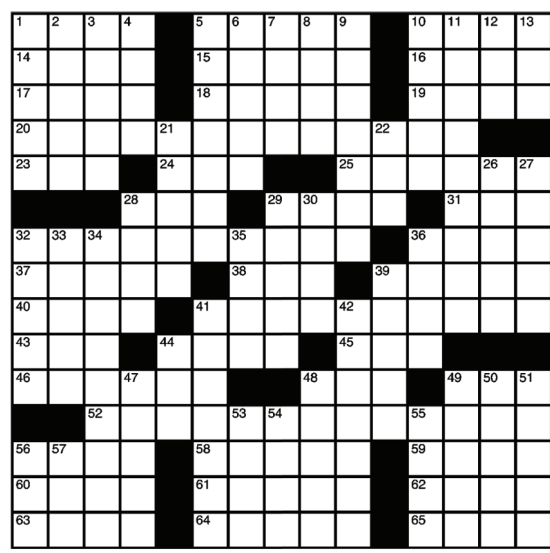
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By David Poole 9/11/13

Answers to last week's puzzle

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