



POLITICS

President Bush visits Nashville



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Protesters express their dissatisfaction with the Bush administration on West End Avenue.



Bush supporters line West End Avenue in response to his Nashville visit.

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Corker fundraiser held at Loews Vanderbilt on Wednesday.

By Davida Majors
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

It's not every day that Vanderbilt students have to incorporate a presidential visit into their daily routine.

However, as Bush campaigned Wednesday on behalf of Bob Corker at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel, students and Nashville residents faced numerous parking and traffic problems.

The event ran from 2 to 7 p.m., and supporters of Corker, the Republican candidate vying for Bill Frist's open Senate seat, paid more than \$2,000 per plate.

Students residing in Kissam Quadrangle were exposed to notices warning, "PRESIDENTIAL VISIT—Possible Traffic Issues." The flier informed students that the westbound lanes of West End Avenue would be closed from 21st Avenue to 23rd Avenue. The fliers also stated the Secret Service would install a pedestrian fence on the Kissam side of West End Avenue, blocking access to Lot 3, the parking lot closest to Mims and Reinke.

As a result of the lane closures, West End Avenue became a two-

lane road, and traffic was nearly brought to a complete stop.

Student joggers trying to run "the loop" may have had trouble getting their afternoon exercise, as student protestors on both sides of the political spectrum took advantage of this opportunity to voice their opinions.

Senior Samantha Ansley said she came to protest Bush's environmental policies.

"Right now, we're 25 percent of the world's pollution and only four percent of the world's population," she said.

Ansley also said she is angered that Bush is not putting forth more effort to solve this problem.

"The emission standards for cars are so low that we can't compete with other countries, even on a market standard," she said. "Our cars can't even be sold in places like China because our emission standards are so low."

On the other hand, sophomore Katie Carter joined the crowd of Bush supporters.

"I support Bush and his decisions," she said. "I support our troops and the war in Iraq. I'm totally for the war in Iraq."

Carter also carried unique signs that read, "Bush is Sexy."

"If you compare a picture of Bush to a picture of Kerry when they were both younger, you would see that Bush was sexier," she explained.

Senior Lauren Adams showed up in support of Harold Ford Jr., Corker's opponent in the Senate race.

Adams said she appreciated the opportunity to voice her concerns.

"I'm from Knoxville, where they do a good job of preventing protests, so this is a great

opportunity for me," she said.

Adams said that she felt moved to protest Bush's stand on abortion and stem cell research.

"I want to let my voice be heard," she said. "My father has cancer, and any advancement in stem cell research could be in his favor."

Adams said she had freed her schedule up so that she could continue protesting until 6 or 7 p.m.

Freshman Nick Kriebel, a Bush supporter, also said he would stay

late, explaining, "We kind of walked over here from our dorm at around 3 p.m. We plan to stay pretty much until the motorcade leaves."

Some people, such as freshman Rob Douglas, are willing to go a little further to promote their cause.

When questioned about his support plans, Douglas simply responded, "I'm going to strip for Bush!" ■

RETIREMENT

Police Chief Guyet retires



GUYET

Decision ends 45-year career.

By Darcy Newell
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Chief of Police Allan Guyet announced yesterday that he will retire from Vanderbilt University, where he has served for the past eight years. His retirement from this position will be effective Dec. 31 of this year.

"Our students, faculty and staff have benefited from his leadership, compassionate concern for our community and commitment to being a full-time partner in the life of our university," said Deputy Vice Chancellor for Administration and Academic Affairs Nim Chinniah in an e-mail.

"There is no mistaking the positive impact that Guyet has had on the fabric of Vanderbilt University. I know we will all miss him and his leadership," Chinniah said.

Before coming to Vanderbilt, Guyet served as the chief of police at Yale and the managing director of public safety at Princeton. His career in police work began in Newark, N.J., and has spanned over 45 years.

He holds associate, bachelor's and master's degrees from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a master of public administration from the University of New Haven. He also is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.

In addition, Guyet is a former president of the New Jersey chapter of the FBI National Academy Associates and the New Jersey College and University Public Safety Association.

After his retirement, he will continue to live in the Nashville area with his wife, Alberta. The community will plan an event in December to celebrate his career at Vanderbilt. ■

POLITICS

Vanderbilt to host October senatorial debate

Candidates Ford and Corker square off at Ingram.

By Darcy Newell
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Vanderbilt has announced that the university will host the 2006 Tennessee senatorial debate on Oct. 28. The debate will feature Democratic candidate Harold Ford, Jr. and Republican Bob Corker.

Ford and Corker are vying for Republican Bill Frist's seat, who after 12 years in the Senate, is not seeking re-election.

This year's debate will be the third and final contest between Ford and Corker and will be broadcast on Channel 5 throughout the state.

"This race has become so high profile, I wouldn't be surprised if the event got national coverage as well," Schoenfeld said.

The election will be held on Nov. 7 less than two weeks later.

"This is a very important election," said Schoenfeld, "They are vying for one of a few open seats in the country, which could very well determine the control of the Senate. It's a competitive race and should be a great debate."

Schoenfeld also said that this event is very important for the Vanderbilt community.

"Anytime you can have a major civic event like

this on campus, it creates great opportunities for students, faculty and others to be a part of the election process," he said.

"We hope that at Vanderbilt, students become engaged in the civic life of the community, state and country. There is no more important way to become involved than to participate in the debates and to vote."

Vanderbilt also hosted the senatorial debate in October 2002.

"We co-hosted with Channel 5 and the League of Women Voters of Tennessee and had a great experience," said Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Michael Schoenfeld. "So we decided to partner again and pitched a proposal to the campaigns. We are absolutely thrilled."

The debate in 2002 was a contest between Republican candidate Lamar

Alexander and Democrat candidate Bob Clement. Alexander won the election weeks later.

As of yet, the ticket allocation to the public has not been decided, but Schoenfeld said that Vanderbilt students will have an opportunity to witness the debate firsthand. Tickets should become available later this month. ■

DINING

Dining launches Eat the World, Save the Earth

Nectar cornerstone of socially-responsible project.

By Emma Cofer
STAFF REPORTER



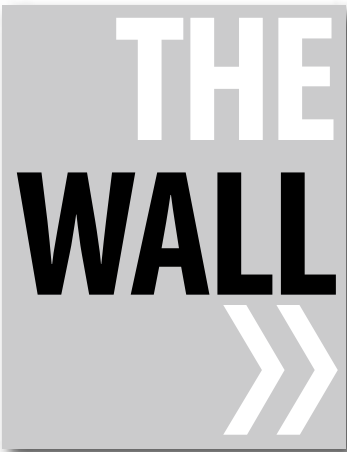
Nectar organic foods store features organic teas, among a variety of products.

Vanderbilt Dining has opened a new natural food store, Nectar, on the first floor of Vanderbilt-Barnard Hall as part of its larger Eat the World, Save the Earth campaign.

According to its Web site, The ETWSTE program is intended to enlighten students and other guests about the larger environmental, community and health impacts of their food options and choices. The program helps patrons access information about Dining's numerous kitchen principles, which range from the promise that MSG is never used to the fact that bottled water is purchased through a local bottler.

"Our hope was to be able to provide more options to our students, to give them an opportunity to not only purchase products that are environmentally conscious but also to encourage them to learn about what is available and design meals based on their own personal preference." ■

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BY THE NUMBERS

1,901

number of people who rode the new VandyVans direct route from Peabody to Branscomb last weekend.

QUOTABLE

"I think that the South is pretty strongly Republican. It varies depending on the state, but, in places like Tennessee with a competitive Senate race, and perhaps a few other Southern states, this is an unusual year where Republicans have not delivered as much for some lower and middle income voters who might lean toward Republican on social issues but are unhappy with oil prices, the economy and the war in Iraq potentially as well."

Vanderbilt political scientist Christian Grose discusses challenges Republicans may face in November 2006 elections.

U.S. Senate candidates Harold Ford Jr. and Bob Corker, who are vying for Tennessee Senator Bill Frist's seat, will square off for a statewide televised debate at Vanderbilt University's Ingram Hall Oct. 28.

NOTABLE

107,501 is the capacity in the Big House, the University of Michigan's stadium, where the Dores will play their season opener on Saturday.

WEATHER FORECAST

TODAY

Isolated Storms, 81/66

SATURDAY

Partly Cloudy, 77/64

SUNDAY

Partly Cloudy, 80/66

MONDAY

Isolated Storms, 82/60

CORRECTION

In the article "VSC approves new student publication" in Wednesday's issue of The Hustler, Nathan Ford was incorrectly identified as Nathan Floyd. The Hustler regrets the error.

TODAY IN THE BUBBLE

Compiled by Darcy Newell

Rec Center hosts free festivities to celebrate Michigan game

Tonight, the Student Rec Center hosts "Rec the Big House" from 5 to 11 p.m. The event will include free pizza, drinks, t-shirts, games and tournaments and is open to all students.

On Saturday, Sept. 2, the Rec Center also invites students to come watch the Vanderbilt/Michigan football game on the big screen. Free sub sandwiches, drinks, t-shirts and prizes are included in the day's activities. The event begins at 10:30 a.m., with the game beginning at 11 a.m.

For more information about either event, visit the Rec Center online at www.vanderbilt.edu/campusrecreation

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

VUPD CRIME LOG

Compiled by Darcy Newell

Aug. 30, 6:40 a.m. —An arrest was made for impersonation, drunkenness and trespass of real property between 24th Avenue South and Pierce Avenue.

Aug. 30, 10:27 a.m. —DVD recorders were stolen from Medical Center East.

Aug. 31, 12:06 a.m. —An arrest was made on 21st Avenue South for possession of narcotics, drug equipment, and driving under the influence.

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RETIREMENT

Employee August Johnson retires after 55 years

Tales of segregation, racism remind students of nation's progress.

By Sydney Wilmer
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

In his 55 years of employment at Vanderbilt, August Johnson has seen Vanderbilt, Nashville and the nation reject the politics of racism and move into the modern era of acceptance.

At 75 years of age, Johnson, a custodial worker in the Plant Operations Department, can still remember his first experience with racism and the ways of the old South.

"When I was about 10 or 11, I was in the grocery store about to write a receipt when an older white fellow turned around and snapped at me," he said.

"This guy called me everything but a child of God. I go home, and I'm crying. My mother told me, 'Don't worry. He's got a day comin'. She told me not to hate."

According to Johnson, the outburst itself was less surprising than the perceived normalcy of the event.

"The people in the store just stood there," he said. "People looked at one another but didn't say anything."

Other instances, while less blatant, demonstrate how pervasive racism was before the Civil Rights Movement.

"When I first started working here, I worked on the Swing Crew," he said. "We would do whatever needed to be done around campus."

Johnson described one day at Chancellor Harvie Branscomb's residence that particularly stood out in his mind.

"One day, Chancellor Branscomb's wife wanted us to clear some brush for a party," he said. "She

was hollerin' and shoutin' at us, afraid we wouldn't finish. After a few minutes, even though I was scared, I asked, 'If you could just be quiet, we could finish.' She understood and went inside."

"I guess at the time, treating us like that was just what people did, but afterwards she came out and took us in for Cokes," he said.

Segregation was a common part of the society of the time, but many of today's students may not realize that it also applied to the Vanderbilt of the 1950s.

"I remember when I first started working here, you could go in and order from Vanderbilt's cafeteria, a white-framed building, but as a black man you couldn't sit down," Johnson said. "It was the law they had to go by."

As Johnson described it, "it was a different world," but Nashville was not as bad as some places. "I grew up in a mixed neighborhood. We accepted each other when a lot of places didn't."

Finally, after the long fight of many Civil Rights leaders, the tide began to turn. African American students had to protest their way into the school, but Johnson says he can remember seeing the first black student at the university.

Johnson explained that societal changes are always difficult, but "Vanderbilt came into the changes nicely."

Despite his painful experiences, Johnson said, "Hating was never an option."

"I've never had any bitterness," he said. "Kids today don't really know about all this, but I experienced it all. Now you can go anywhere, but I came up through the ropes when times were hard." ■

KATRINA

Students affected by Hurricane Katrina address shortcomings in FEMA's continued response

4,000 trailers meant for Gulf Coast still in storage.



BILL HABER / AP Photo

Terry Favorite delivers Yellow Pages phone books at a Hurricane Katrina FEMA trailer park in Chalmette, La.

By Allison Malone
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With more than 4,000 trailers that were delivered for Hurricane Katrina relief on the Gulf Coast a year ago still in storage, Vanderbilt students and alumni react to FEMA's response to the storm.

"FEMA contracted with us for a total of 4,200 homes," said Chris Nicely, spokesman for Clayton Homes in Maryland, Tenn. "We pulled almost 2,000 homes from existing stock at our stores and we built the rest of the homes for them."

"The homes were built and ready," Nicely said, "but they weren't picked up from the manufacturing plants until about 60 days after the deadline for completion."

According to Nicely, zoning regulations and residents' resistance to temporary shelter communities kept FEMA from placing them in damaged areas of the Gulf Coast.

Nicely estimates 8,000 to 10,000 manufactured

homes from Clayton and other companies now sit unused at an airport storage facility in Hope, Ark.

College of Arts and Science senior Amy Schellhaas witnessed the destruction Katrina left firsthand in her hometown of New Orleans, La. She said, "The homes certainly could have been used. I know people who just recently got their trailers or who had them delivered to totally wrong addresses, so this is not the only mistake FEMA has made with providing trailers."

"A year after the storm, we are grateful for the help we have gotten, but there is still quite a way to go. The things that were easy to fix have been fixed, but the places that were hit really hard are still in the same state they were in six months ago."

But FEMA spokeswoman Debbie Wing looks on the upside. The trailers will be ready for the next disaster.

"It's always good to have supplies on hand," Wing said. "The trailers and mobile homes will eventually be used. If there are 8,000 to 10,000 units in Arkansas,

which is a central location for us, I think that is wise."

More than 101,000 households in the Gulf Coast region still occupy temporary travel trailers and mobile homes, she said. That's about 20,000 fewer than immediately after the storm hit.

Courtney Allen, a 2005 graduate of the College of Arts and Science, works as the rebuilding coordinator for Trinity United Methodist Church in Gulfport, Miss. She has been working there since November after she volunteered for the relief effort with the Vanderbilt Wesley Foundation during October of last year.

"There is a boneyard of trailers in Long Beach, Miss., that weren't being used," Allen said. "Turns out, they were being used by FEMA for parts to fix other trailers people were already living in. Smoke alarms were being dismantled from these \$30,000 trailers to fix other trailers. This is absurd- it rendered them virtually unusable."

"There are still folks who need a place to live, but

is a FEMA trailer a solution? I don't think so. A lot of people have a long way to go before they have a permanent living situation, and a FEMA trailer that has only 120 square feet of space to live in is no solution."

Allen said that an architect in New York has designed Katrina Cottages, 300 square foot units that provide affordable housing for those without permanent living arrangements. According to Allen, the cottages are being contracted through Lowe's home improvement stores. She sees this as a better option for families because of the increased space and improved quality of the homes, which are sold for around the same price as a FEMA trailer.

Allen stresses that there is much work to still be done. "We are so far from being put back together." ■

The Associated Press contributed reporting for this article.

MEMORIAL

Community remembers Matthew Prince in Benton Chapel memorial

Students in attendance express loss and celebrate life of former student.

By Harish Krishnamoorthi
CONTRIBUTING REPORTER

Matthew Prince, a Vanderbilt undergraduate, succumbed to a long struggle with brain cancer over the summer. As a way to acknowledge his impact on the Vanderbilt community, students and faculty members gathered in Benton Chapel yesterday.

In an open-mike format, students conveyed their thoughts on Prince's life and personality.

"We can attribute words like kind, giving, caring and faithful, but he was so much more than words could describe. He reminded me that, with faith, you can conquer anything."

"Matthew always talked about how lucky he was to have such good friends, but maybe we were the lucky ones."

"I will never forget his radiant smile. He was so selfless. People like Matthew come once in a lifetime."

"One thing that makes Matthew so precious was his forgiving nature."

"Matthew was humble, and Matthew was courageous."



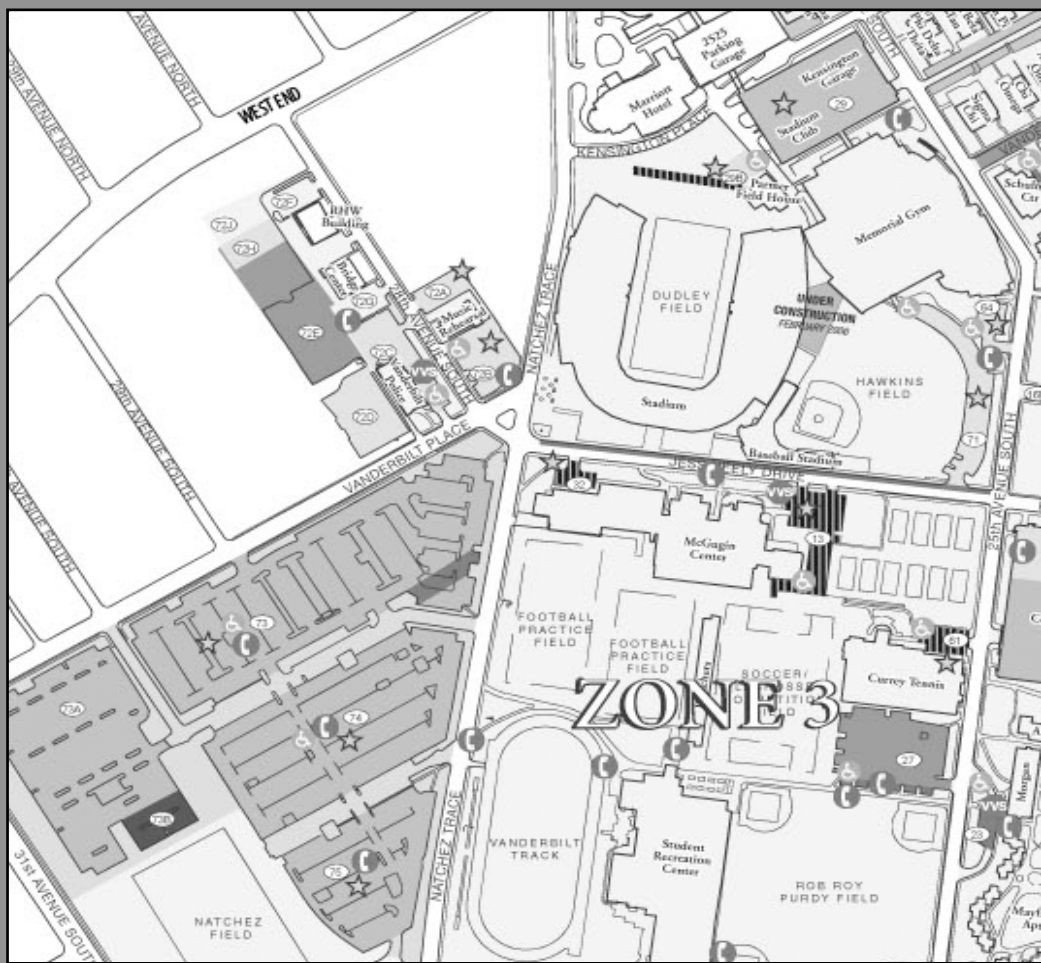
Students and faculty members gather to remember the life of Matthew Prince at a service in Benton Chapel.

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PARKING

Office of Traffic and Parking relocates tow lot near Natchez Field

The Office of Traffic and Parking relocated the tow lot from lot 72A to lot 73B. There is a sign posted at the old lot providing directions to the new location at 30th Avenue South and Dudley Avenue near Natchez Field. The new lot has a covered waiting area, an automated phone system and a fence that surrounds all vehicles. The business hours have been extended and are not Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. After hours pickup can be arranged by using the automated phone line located at the lot entrance, but \$25 will be added to the towing fee. Any vehicles left over seven days will be relocated to the Martin's Wrecker Service location downtown.



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OUR VIEW

VU Dining responds to student concerns

Vanderbilt Dining's new program, Eat the World, Save the Earth, is a big step in the right direction for the university. It represents a commitment to several principles with which we want our university to be associated.

First, it demonstrates a commitment to health. As the debate over the value of the party scene continues in the opinion section, the fundamental principle that everyone seems to agree upon is that Vanderbilt is a "balanced" or a "well-rounded" university. Having a healthy student body is part of this balance. Vanderbilt Dining's stated commitments to providing vegetarian and vegan food options and, among other things, increasing the availability of organic foods are indicative of their understanding of this key characteristic of the university.

This program displays a dedication to social consciousness. All the coffee provided by Vanderbilt Dining is 100 percent fair trade. Also, a clear effort is being made to support local businesses through the use of a local bottler for water. Vanderbilt has a responsibility to give back to the surrounding community that provides its students with so many opportunities, which Vanderbilt Dining clearly appreciates.

A third key element to this program is environmental awareness. The 100 percent canola oil used in food preparation is recycled, so that nothing goes to waste. Also, all paper containers and plastic cups are recyclable. Vanderbilt is, itself, a national arboretum, so clearly an appreciation of the environment is an important characteristic of the university.

We think the most hopeful feature of this new program is the student involvement that went into its inception. Many of these exciting new additions to Vanderbilt Dining are the results of student requests, focus groups and input from student organizations. Vanderbilt Dining listened to these student voices and delivered what was asked for. Thus, this is a success, not just for Vanderbilt Dining, but for Vanderbilt students.

Students should be playing a pivotal role in the thought processes behind the development of the university as it undergoes major changes. We hope that other Vanderbilt departments take a cue from Vanderbilt Dining and incorporate student suggestions. We also hope that students continue to make suggestions that aim for results as productive, constructive and important as those expressed by Eat the World, Save the Earth.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Larson's views on party scene not a minority

To the Editor:

I share the views expressed by Kyle Larson in his article "Pride in greek party scene is misplaced" and would like to think that our opinion is not an extreme minority. I certainly don't pay \$40,000 a year primarily for the "party scene" and I would question the priorities of anyone who does. I think this party attitude is one of the reasons that underage drinking has become a problem on our campus.

Not only is underage drinking against Vanderbilt policy, but more importantly, it is against the law. Now I would like to think that most of the students at Vanderbilt are intelligent people but I have to stop and ask, why then are there so many students that willfully and frequently participate in underage drinking? How can we call the students here at Vanderbilt intelligent and educated if they lack a fundamental respect for the law?

Unfortunately it appears that a many of

the students here at Vanderbilt are too lazy to be responsible and require an external force, such as VUPD, to motivate them to behave. These people that cannot obey the laws and policies by which our society has agreed upon reflect poorly on all of us in the Vanderbilt Community.

The recent security alerts involving rape are a reminder of the negative consequences that are a result of the "party scene," and yet when VUPD published risk reduction tips in their Aug. 24 security alert they were criticized in Reagan Bush's letter to the editor because she felt that the guidelines implied that females would implicitly be held accountable if they were sexually assaulted while not following the risk reduction tips. While a female is never at fault for being sexually assaulted, certainly even the President of Peer Educators of Project Safe would agree that females should act in responsible ways to reduce the risk of such assaults occurring. Reagan went on to submit her own

common sense list was nothing more than a restatement of illegal offences followed by the circuitous, and obvious, conclusion that if these guidelines were followed then none of the crimes described within these guidelines would occur.

Furthermore, the target audience of Reagan's guidelines are the criminals who commit sexual assault and have no respect for the law in the first place. I am no philosopher but I think that telling criminals not to commit crime isn't a very effective strategy for reducing it.

In closing, I would like to applaud VUPD for encouraging responsible behavior and I think that all Vanderbilt students would do well to think about the consequences of their actions before engaging in any risky behavior.

Nicholas Snyder
Junior, School of Engineering

COLUMN

Minimum wage debate being misrepresented

I would like to reply to the column "Raising minimum wage does more harm than good" by Mata Burke in the Aug. 28 Hustler. I feel

Guest Columnist
PAUL FLEMING

the article misrepresents the minimum wage issue in a number of key places.

First, the article states that "raising the minimum wage would force company owners to pay larger sums of money to employees who have not necessarily increased their productivity." However, consider this from the New York Times' recent article entitled "Real Wages Fail to Match a Rise in Productivity": "Worker productivity rose 16.6 percent from 2000 to 2005, while total compensation for the median worker rose 7.2 percent." The issue of minimum wage is being misrepresented; it is not a matter of pay increases in excess of productivity, but merely making sure that the two keep apace. The result of this imbalance of productivity and pay increases is that "wages and salaries now make up the lowest share of the nation's gross domestic product since the government began recording data in 1947, while corporate profits have climbed to their highest share since the 1960's." According to tompaine.com, the successful blocking of a minimum wage hike has contributed to the fact that "The Gini Index, which is used to measure income inequality, has increased 4.2 percent since 1995, according to the Census Bureau." To further the point, the wealthiest

20 percent of households earn 50.4 percent, versus 3.4 percent for the poorest 20 percent. Minimum wage is important to ensure that low-wage workers get the share of wealth owed to them; without it, clearly the wealth floats up. This is distribution of wealth without regard to merit.

The other contention I had was the column's insinuation of the relationship between job availability and the minimum wage. This relationship is not necessarily backed up by empirical evidence. Consider the result of a study conducted by the Economic Policy Institute. It examined the impact of the increase of the minimum wage from \$4.25 to \$4.75 in 1996 and to \$5.15 in 1997. One of the principal findings was: "Four different tests of the two increases' employment impact - applied to a large number of demographic groups whose wages are sensitive to the minimum wage - fail to find any systematic, significant job loss associated with the 1996-97 increases. Not only are the estimated employment effects generally economically small and statistically insignificant, they are also almost as likely to be positive as negative."

The point is that although the study finds clear indication of positive effects of raising the minimum wage ("strong wage gains" for low income workers) it does not find evidence to support the theory of "negative impact on job opportunities". Moreover, economists at Goldman Sachs have written "the most important contributor to higher profit margins over the past five years is a decline in labor's share of national income"

Also, although the minimum wage has not been increased in 10 years, inflation has continued. This means that, according to epinet.org, "Since September 1997, the purchasing power of the minimum wage has deteriorated by 20%. After adjusting for inflation, the value of the minimum wage is at its lowest level since 1955."

To conclude, I believe the author is wrong in the assessment that raising the minimum wage would be more harmful than helpful to workers. The benefits to low wage workers of raising, as well as the benefits of not raising to high wage earners and investors, can be empirically verified. The supposed negative impacts are contested, and the evidence gathered from past minimum wage hikes points against their assertion. Additionally, the allegation that raising the minimum wage will cause workers to be paid disproportionately high is backwards. Not raising the minimum wage is provably causing wage earners to receive less compensation than their productivity gains merit.

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COLUMN

Society needs to adapt to career women

On Aug. 22, 2006, Forbes.com, a well known and respected business site, published an article entitled "Don't Marry Career Women." This

Opinion Columnist

SAMANTHA SCHREIBER

article, written by Michael Noer, executive editor of the site, details why marrying an educated, career driven woman will result in a miserable and uncommitted relationship and eventual dissolution of the marriage. He must be joking. I feel like marrying a verbally and physically abusive woman, or marrying a crack addict, might be a worse idea. Seem a bit drastic? So is ruling out every woman who has a B.A. and some ambition.

Let's think about who Michael Noer is. After graduating from Rice he spent 15 months touring Europe and the Middle East studying the history of Santa Claus. He then wrote a satirical business piece on the business practices of Santa Claus. He has no apparent background in psychology or sociology or anything that gives him weight to defend his exaggerated statements. The studies that he cites can be turned around to reflect poorly on men just as he sees them being the fault on women, he has just taken the misogynistic route and assumed men hold no blame. I don't place all the blame on Mr. Noer though; I believe it is a reflection

of the way we have been socialized. With the changes in society, these typical ideals we have are being broken and not everyone is ready to adjust.

Some of the studies he cites state that, if women quit their jobs and stay home with the kids, they will be unhappy and that both the woman and the man will be unhappy if the wife makes more money than her husband. Ok, fair enough. But, why can't the man quit his job and stay home and raise children? I bet he wouldn't be too pleased if he was inherently expected to, as women are. Like men, women can be victims of "gold diggers," or they can be unsatisfied with the level of ambition of their husband, both of which can be reflected in salary. Furthermore, if one makes more than the other and it causes that much tension, the relationship is more of a competition than a healthy marriage.

Noer also mentions that, as women's work hours' increase, so does unhappiness but that this is not so as men's work hours increase. Women are accustomed to having men work more hours therefore no correlation is found between increased work hours and satisfaction because we have been socialized to expect men to work. The progression women are making in the workforce is bringing about discomfort from men who are unwilling to adjust to the fact that they don't have to be the breadwinners, they don't have to be macho and support the whole family. Noer also mentions that having your spouse at work increases the chances that she will meet

AROUND THE LOOP

What are your impressions of Vanderbilt's political climate?



MADELEINE FENTRESS
Freshman

"I went to the Bush protest yesterday and it was really great to see so many people out there."



MADELEINE JACKSON
Senior

"I think for the most part people have very informed beliefs and political opinions, and I appreciate that."



RAVI PATEL
Sophomore

"I think the conservative mindset, although dominant on campus, is not restrictive in preventing the other political views from being expressed."



KEVIN HRITZ
Junior

"I find that most students, if they are honest, have their views challenged and have to adjust their stances on many issues.."



NIKITA MODI
Junior

"I was very surprised to find how conservative the student body was in general."

Compiled by Katie Vick

someone more likeable and she will cheat and you will get divorced. Women have always dealt with the idea of a husband "running off with his secretary," but now when applied to men, this is not okay. That is a clear double standard.

Women used to be criticized for going to college just to get an M.R.S. degree. Apparently, not even that will get you a husband now. You have to be plain old dumb. Another one of Noer's points is that "divorce has been positively correlated with higher rates of alcoholism, clinical depression and suicide." Wonderful. I'll go work at a gas station, because if I stay here at Vanderbilt I am either going to be blacklisted on Match.com or I'll end up dead. Of course, correlation does not equal

causation, which Noer acknowledges, but, if this is the case, then telling men not to marry career women is just unfounded.

The main issue I have with this article is that it is a reflection of society as a whole. Of course if you and your spouse are working it's going to be harder to get the dishes done, but this is why the whole concept of a reciprocal relationship exists. Both spouses will be more tired, but they should be happy to come home and relax—together. Times are changing, which means we need to too. If not, let's hope McDonalds is hiring.

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COLUMN

Exams must be reformed in order to restore the worth of a high school diploma

In the *Grease* song "Beauty School Drop-Out," an angel convinces Frenchy to go back to high school in order to save her career and prevent her from working

Opinion Columnist

KATIE VICK

in a malt shop. Fifty years later, in a world where high school diplomas have lost considerable value, a diploma alone provides only limited opportunities, of which being a waitress at the corner store would not be too shabby.

A single reason cannot explain the trend, but a significant factor is that employers and colleges simply find that graduates have not learned what it takes to be successful beyond grade 12. While the diploma formerly proved competence, now it "often serves as little more than a certificate of attendance," said a report by the American Diploma Project.

The US Secretary of Education, Rod Paige, supported the ADP's report, saying it "underscores the need for high school reform."

Students also agree; about 40 percent of high school graduates feel that they were not adequately prepared for a job or college, according to a 2005 poll conducted by Achieve, Inc., an independent, bipartisan organization.

Although the ADP project was only recently founded in 2001, the falling value of the diploma is certainly not a new concern. In the last 25 years, 22 states, including Tennessee, have attempted to solve the problem by requiring students to pass exit exams before graduation. However, despite these exams, diploma value has continued to slide, because, unlike the more meaningful curriculum-based exams of European and Asian countries, such as France's Baccalaureate, American state exams are minimum competency exams, MCEs, which only test low level skills taught in primary and early secondary school.

With the intent of replacing the MCEs with more indicative, grade appropriate exams, the ADP is in the process of formulating higher standards, particularly in English and math, which students must achieve in order to graduate. As the new benchmarks are

developed, the ADP analyzes current MCEs to determine where they fall short.

Opposition to the more rigorous testing claims that it will lower graduation rates and, in particular, hurt students in difficult situations who may not have the same educational opportunities.

"For a group to come out and say that a high school diploma has lost its meaning strikes me as a difficult position to maintain given how hard many students work to obtain one," said David Bloome, former president of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Granted these new standards demand more effort of both students and teachers. However, according to the 2005 Achieve poll, 80 percent of high school graduates said that they wished they had studied harder, suggesting most would appreciate the increased challenge. Many teachers would also welcome the change since in a 1995 survey by Peter Hart and Associates, 30 percent felt pressured to give higher grades than students deserved and another 30 percent felt pressured to reduce the difficulty and amount of work assigned.

As to Bloome's argument that it will hurt students who work hard, schools currently give students multiple chances and extra help to pass the MCEs. Most motivated students would still be able to pass more rigorous exams, given the same chances and support. Finally, in the real world of college and career, employers and professors rarely judge based on hard work alone; competency and achievement are also vital for success.

While ADP's more rigorous exams may bar the way for a very small minority, they will restore the prestige of the high school diploma, providing the vast majority of successful students with a document of merit rather than an attendance report.

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“Now the diploma ‘often serves as little more than a certificate of attendance.’”

COLUMN

Students need to bond together to prevent crime on our campus

One of the rants in Monday's Hustler caught my eye, "When did Vandy become a crime-ridden hellhole?" While this

Columnist

SARA TABOR

question exaggerates the current situation to some extent, I have to say that, for the most part, I agree with its sentiments.

The Vanderbilt community is not the same as it was two years ago when I entered as a freshman, and it does not seem to be going back to those idyllic memories. The rapes and Morgan shootings of last year woke our campus up and caused the implementation of new security measures, but those are clearly not enough. Two rapes and a theft have occurred in freshman dorms in the last week. This is a startling statistic to a junior girl who spent her first week of freshman year safely within the confines of the Vandy bubble. And so I ask you, as fellow students and clearly intelligent people, what can Vanderbilt do to make things better?

I had an extended conversation with Dean McCarty on this very issue and there were no solutions to be found, so as a student body we need to help bring back safety to our university. The school that we attend is not in the safest town in the world but Nashville is certainly not crime ridden like Atlanta or New York, and yet Vanderbilt continues to experience these egregious crimes. Is there something that the student body can do to make things better?

I believe that there is. While we cannot implement new rules and regulations that will simply make all of the problems disappear, if we work together hopefully things will improve.

If you saw someone alone on the street at Vanderbilt would you just walk right by? What if she was your girlfriend, sister, brother or friend, would things be the same?

“If you saw someone alone on the street at Vanderbilt would you just walk right by?”

People may not help the person in the first situation, but they would almost definitely help the person in the second one. I know that being a "sister" to 137 girls on this campus I would never let one of them walk home alone and I think that we should all feel a common bond simply from being Vanderbilt students.

We are all responsible for our own actions, but sometimes we are not in the state of mind to be as responsible as we should and this is when friends need to take notice. Driving drunk home from your fraternity house or walking home from a downtown bar by yourself is never a good decision and as fellow students we should help our peers realize this.

Vanderbilt is a wonderful place and very rarely do you hear a dissenting opinion from this, but I bet the freshman girls whose first week at Vanderbilt started by being raped feel less than excited about their new school. As Vanderbilt students there are 6,000 of us who can help make our campus safe and it is our responsibility to do so. We cannot rely on the security guards who pester us at the front door or the security cameras in the elevators, there are a lot more eyes on campus than that and we need to actually start looking out for each other.

Sara Tabor is a junior in Peabody College.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW 2006

THE WAIT IS OVER

JARRED AMATO
SPORTS EDITOR

THE VANDERBILT FOOTBALL TEAM HAS BEEN WAITING 286 DAYS FOR TOMORROW.

After watching hundreds of hours of film, bench-pressing thousands of pounds and answering what has felt like millions of questions, the Commodores just want to play.

"We're definitely fired up," said senior defensive tackle Ray Brown. "This is the kind of game we dream about."

The hype doesn't get much bigger than this – opening the season at the "Big House" against Michigan, one of college football's most storied programs, on ESPN (not ESPN 2).

For coach Bobby Johnson, though, that's all meaningless now.

"We're going up there to win the game," he said. "We've played in big stadiums before, we've had fun in big stadiums before. We're going up there to compete."

Having Cassen Jackson-Garrison in the backfield will certainly make it easier for the Commodores to compete with the Wolverines, ranked 14th in the Preseason AP Poll. When the junior tailback underwent an emergency appendectomy a little over two weeks ago, Johnson could not even give a timetable for his return. Now, a day before the opening game, Jackson-Garrison appears at No. 1 on the depth chart.

"He's a strong young man, but having an appendectomy just a couple weeks ago, that's pretty remarkable, I think, that he's back and running and carrying the ball and doing as well as he is," Johnson said. "You don't expect a guy to come back from an appendectomy as quickly as Cassen has done."

Count senior offensive tackle Brian Stamper among the impressed.

"The fact is he wasn't supposed to do it – scientifically, medically, he wasn't supposed to be able to come back and recover soon enough to play," Stamper said. "But he's done it and he's out there practicing and doing

well and it's great to see."

Considering how awful he felt following the surgery, even Jackson-Garrison is surprised at how quickly he has recovered.

"Once the medicine wore off, I didn't think I was going to make it to the next day," he said. "Each day, I had a dramatic change and an increase in everything I was doing. I'm back now."

And the Commodores couldn't be happier. With first-year starter Chris Nickson behind center, having a proven runner in the backfield is critical.

"The experience at the position helps a lot," Stamper said. "Being able to see the hole, make the reads he needs, even with blocking."

While splitting carries with junior Jeff Jennings last season, Jackson-Garrison rushed for 539 yards and eight touchdowns, both team highs. With Jennings still sidelined from a knee injury he suffered in November, redshirt freshman Jared Hawkins and true freshman Gaston Miller are the team's No. 2 and 3 tailbacks, respectively.

Another Commodore who has returned to action quicker than anticipated is redshirt freshman cornerback Joel Caldwell, who dislocated his right elbow Aug. 9.

"He's been practicing extremely well," Johnson said. "I don't know if he could go through a whole game right now, but we're planning on taking him, and I think he's going to be released and ready to play."

Johnson could not be more pleased with how Caldwell and Jackson-Garrison have come back from their respective injuries.

"Those guys want to play," he said. "They work extremely hard. They're not sitting around the sideline yucking it up, drinking Gatorade."

When Jackson-Garrison steps on the field tomorrow, he won't even be thinking about the injury.

"It's football, man," he said. "You can't worry about it. You have to put a player out there to see if he can take it once he's injured. I'm ready for it."

IT'S BEEN 286 DAYS SINCE THE COMMODORES' LAST GAME, A 28-24 VICTORY OVER TENNESSEE. THEY'RE ALL READY.



KEYS TO THE GAME

IF VANDERBILT WANTS TO RETURN TO NASHVILLE VICTORIOUS, HERE ARE FOUR THINGS THE COMMODORES MUST DO.

JARRED AMATO
SPORTS EDITOR

1. ESTABLISH THE RUN:

With a new quarterback, Vanderbilt cannot expect to lead the SEC in passing offense like it did last year. Having Cassen Jackson-Garrison in the backfield should keep the Michigan defense honest, but if the Dores are unable to establish a running game, it could be a long day. The Dores' offense needs to be able sustain long drives so that its defense is not worn out by the third quarter.

2. AVOID BIG MISTAKES:

Although easier said than done, the Dores have to make the Wolverines earn every point they get. Vanderbilt simply isn't talented enough to overcome a few turnovers, especially if they put Michigan in a good position to score. The Commodore offense doesn't need to be explosive as long as it can move the chains and pin the Wolverines deep in their territory.

3. SURVIVE THE FIRST QUARTER:

Although Vanderbilt has more experience than some would think, the inexperienced will undoubtedly be nervous come kickoff. It may take them a quarter to settle down. If the Dores can stick around for the first 15 minutes, who knows what could happen. If they go down big early in the "Big House," it could be a long afternoon.

4. GET EARL BENNETT THE BALL:

Whether it's out wide, in the slot or in the backfield, the Dores need to find ways to get Earl Bennett touches. While Michigan will surely try to take him out of the game, Vanderbilt must be creative. If the Wolverines do put too much emphasis on Bennett, the Dores have enough talent at wide receiver to make them pay.

GAME 1

AT

VANDERBILT
(0-0)

MICHIGAN
(0-0)

Date: Tomorrow
Kickoff: 11 a.m., CT
Stadium: Michigan Stadium
Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan
Radio: 104.5 "The Zone"
TV: ESPN

PROJECTED STARTERS	MICHIGAN		VANDERBILT	
OFFENSE				
QB	7	Chad Henne	3	Chris Nickson
FB	40	Obi Oluigbo	17	Steven Bright
TB	20	Mike Hart	22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison
WR	15	Steve Breaston	10	Earl Bennett
WR	86	Mario Manningham	82	Marlon White
TE	89	Tyler Ecker	83	Brad Allen
LT	77	Jake Long	74	Chris Williams
LG	57	Adam Kraus	78	Josh Eames
C	54	Mark Bihl	53	Hamilton Holliday
RG	73	Alex Mitchell	64	Merritt Kirchoffer
RT	72	Rueben Riley	72	Brian Stamper
DEFENSE				
DE	56	LaMarr Woodley	46	Chris Booker
DE	90	Tim Jamison	48	Curtis Gatewood
DT	67	Terrance Taylor	94	Ray Brown
DT	80	Alan Branch	54	Theo Horrocks
LB	2	Shawn Crable	40	Kevin Joyce
LB	45	David Harris	47	Jonathan Goff
LB	37	Chris Graham	24	Marcus Buggs
CB	29	Leon Hall	4	Sean Dixon
CB	5	Charles Stewart	14	Josh Allen
FS	31	Brandent Englemont	2	Ryan Hamilton
SS	22	Jamar Adams	33	Reshard Langford
SPECIAL TEAMS				
P	3	Ross Ryan	39	Brett Upson
PK	38	Garrett Rivas	8	Bryant Hahnfeldt

VANDERBILT AT MICHIGAN

THE BIG HOUSE AIN'T SO BIG

STEVE DAROCI
HARISH KRISHNAMOORTHY
SPORTS REPORTERS

Think Vanderbilt football is intimidated by opening its season in the largest football stadium in the world?

Think again.

When Vanderbilt opens its season against national powerhouse Michigan, ranked 14th in the AP Preseason Poll, it will be playing in what is known as the "Big House," the Wolverines' renowned football stadium.

While it has a capacity of over 107,000, which almost exceeds the population of Ann Arbor itself, the Commodores aren't changing their preparation.

"We've played in Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia," said senior Chris Booker, a starting defensive end. "We've already played in the biggest, but it's gonna be fun."

When asked about the Michigan fans' hostility and rowdiness towards opposing teams, fullback Steven Bright echoed Booker's lack of concern.

"I don't see it being a problem for us," he said. "We've played in lots of big stadiums. Tennessee's [Neyland Stadium] is over 100,000 too."

Although Bright and Booker seemed indifferent to playing in the Big House, they surely seemed to relish the chance of playing in the national spotlight, any football player's dream.

"Any time you're on national TV it's exciting," said Bright.

"It's ESPN, so that's nice," said Booker, "But for us, it's just another day at work."

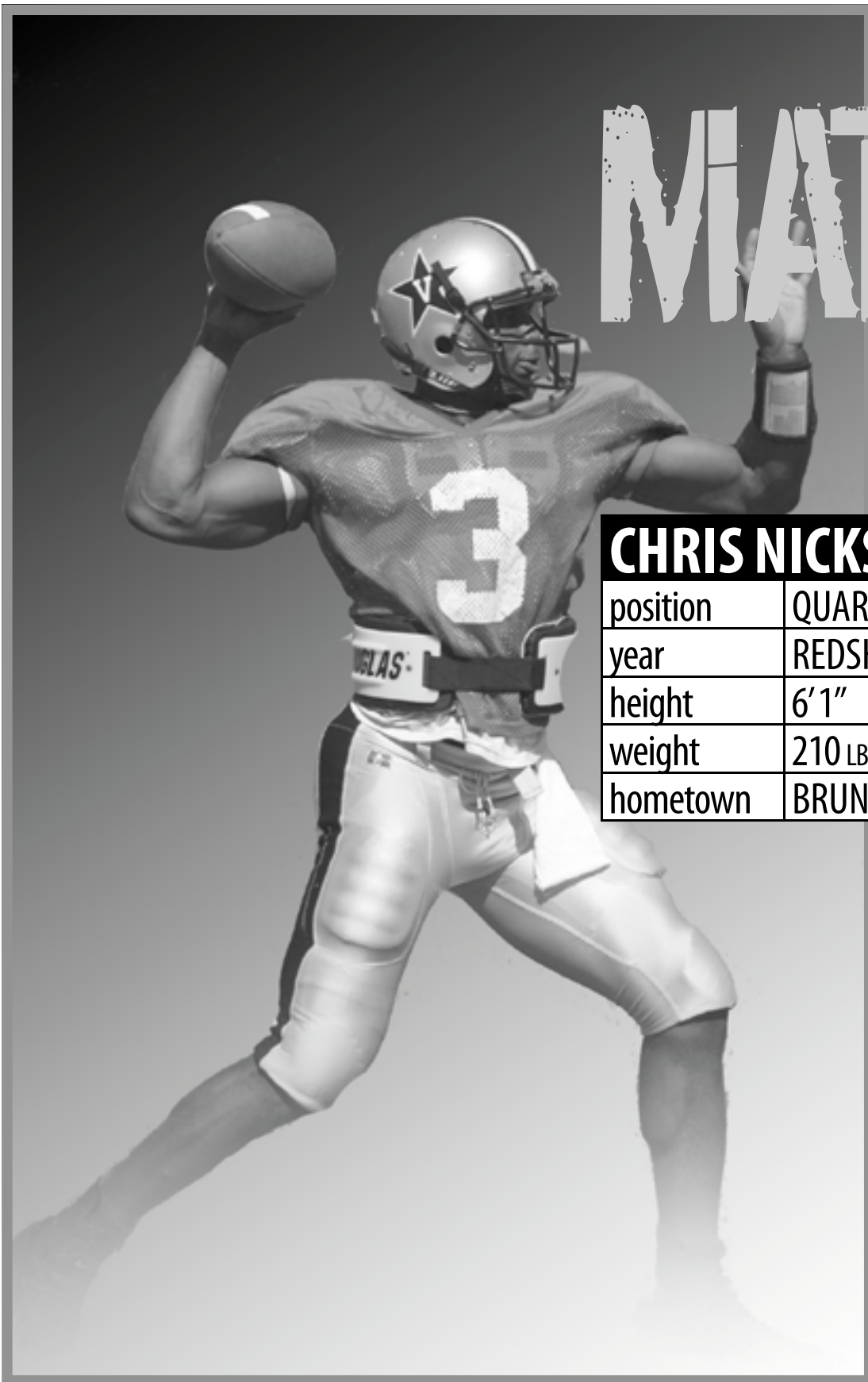
The biggest challenge to playing in the Big House seems to be the effect that the raucous crowd could have on the offense's play-calling.

"We go with signals," Booker said. "In (loud stadiums) you can't hear your own self. It's gonna be hard for the offense."

Bright, however, doesn't see the Michigan crowd as being as big of a challenge as some of its SEC rivals are, saying, "nothing has been affected too much (in practice)."

Even though Michigan is the largest stadium in the country, Bright mentioned how many people say Florida's "Swamp" is the loudest stadium in the country, and Vanderbilt fans remember how well the team played at Florida last season, a double overtime loss.

Still burning with the confidence from last season's victory over Tennessee, the Commodores are looking to put up a strong fight for their fans making the trip to Ann Arbor. ■



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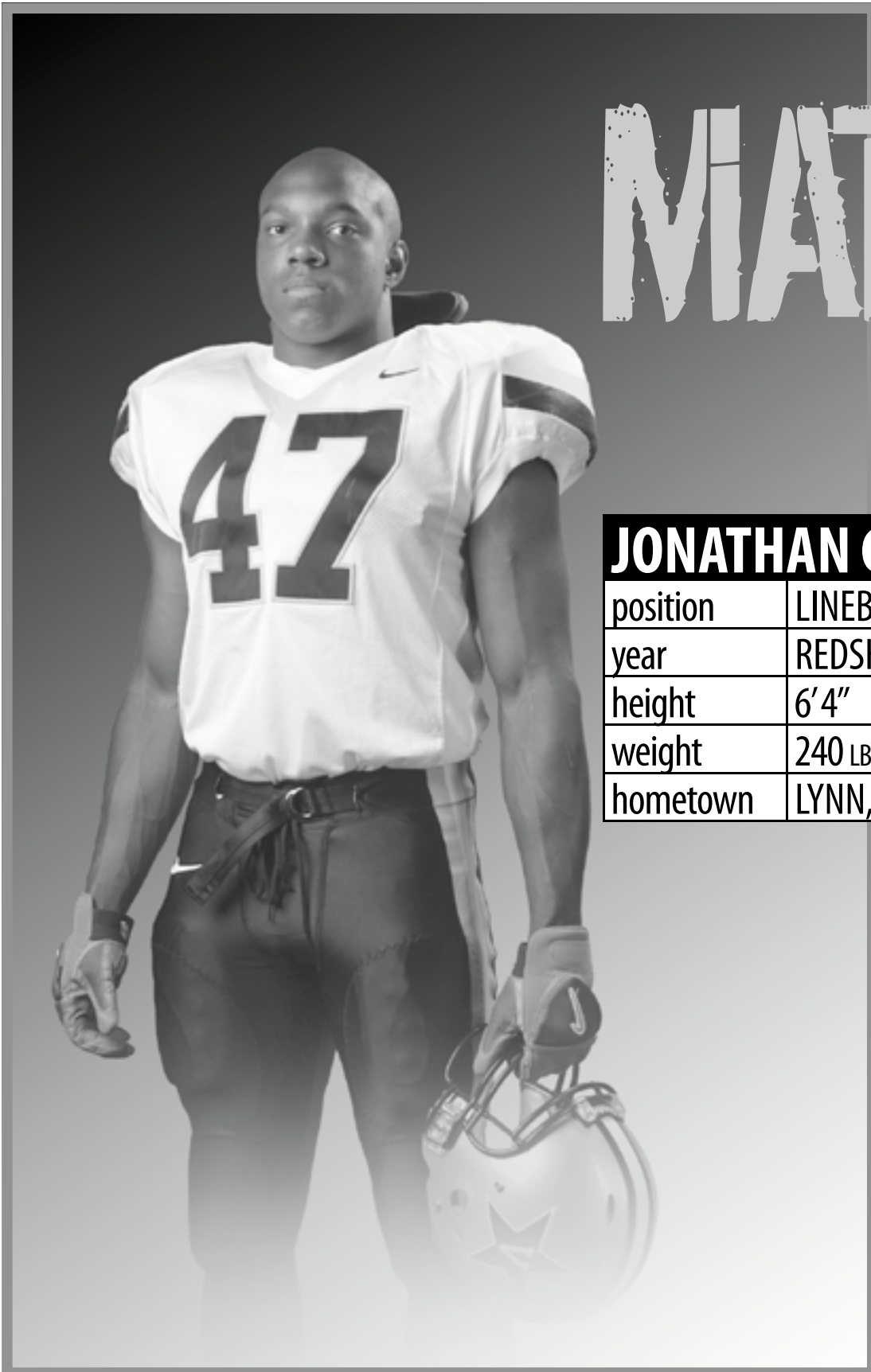
CHRIS NICKSON vs THE BIG HOUSE

PETER MADDEN
ASST SPORTS EDITOR

CHRIS NICKSON #3

position	QUARTERBACK
year	REDSHIRT SOPHOMORE
height	6'1"
weight	210 LBS
hometown	BRUNDIDGE, ALABAMA

IN HIS FIRST EVER COLLEGIATE START, VANDERBILT quarterback Chris Nickson must lead the Commodores into one of the toughest venues in all of college sports, the Big House. Nicknamed for its spectacular size, Michigan Stadium has an official capacity of 107,501 fans, but attendance often exceeds 111,000 people when the band and stadium staff are included, only slightly less than the population of Ann Arbor. It will be interesting to see if Nickson will be able to audible during high-pressure situations and to how well the youngsters will handle playing on such a large stage. Hopefully Nickson and the Commodores can settle down quickly.



MATCHUPS

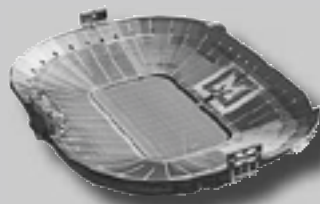
JONATHAN GOFF vs MIKE HART

FRANKLIN PETER
SPORTS REPORTER

JONATHAN GOFF #47

position	LINEBACKER
year	REDSHIRT JUNIOR
height	6'4"
weight	240 LBS
hometown	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS

THIS MATCH-UP IS NOT A QUESTION OF WHETHER Jonathan Goff can beat Mike Hart. Goff has the skill, experience and athleticism to take on and tackle the Wolverines' rushing sensation. As quick and powerful as Hart has been, Goff has also shown he can make plays against some of the nation's best rushing attacks. Goff's (and Vanderbilt's) biggest challenge will come at the line. If the Maize and Blue's tough front five manhandles Vanderbilt's defensive front, then Goff will find himself facing Hart with a 300-pound monster in between the two. And that is a match up very few would be able to handle.



MICHIGAN STADIUM

COMPLETED: 1927
CAPACITY: 107,501
SURFACE: FIELD TURF



MICHIGAN STADIUM vs VANDERBILT STADIUM

VANDERBILT STADIUM

COMPLETED: 1922
CAPACITY: 39,773
SURFACE: NATURAL GRASS

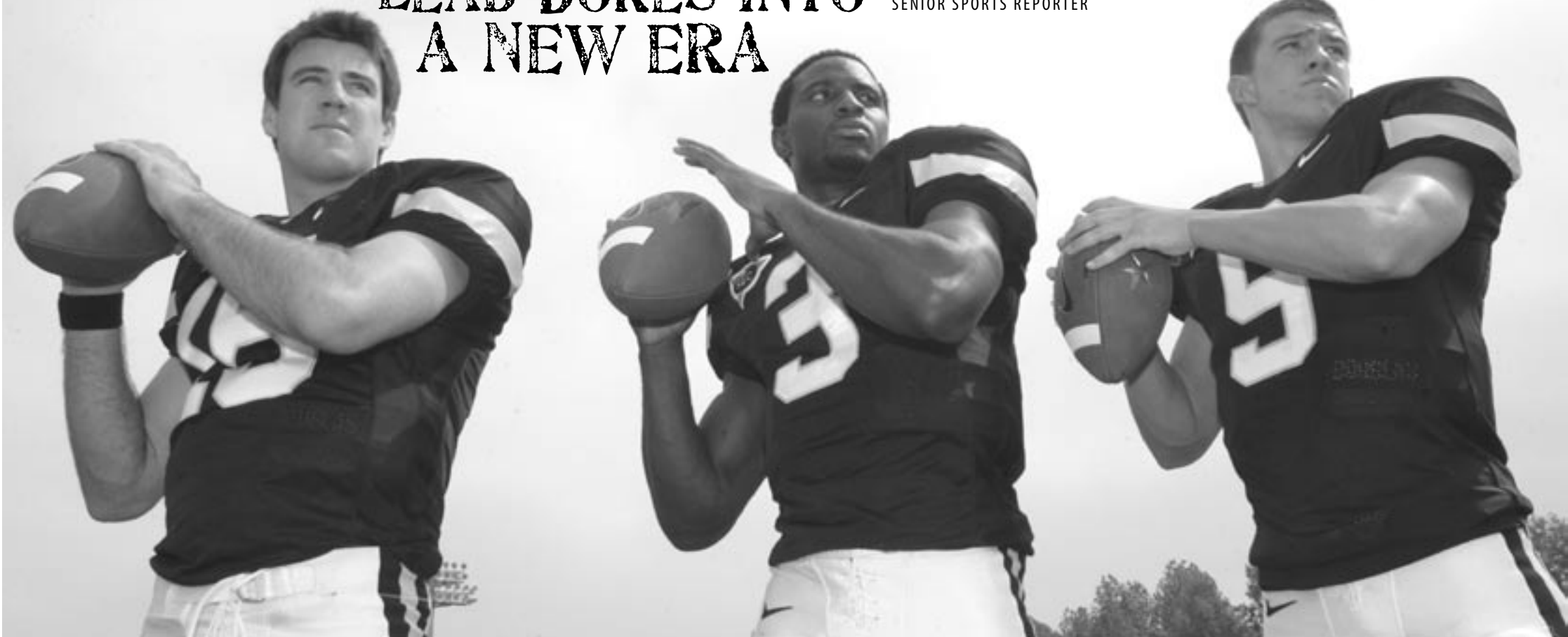


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FOOTBALL

QUARTERBACK TRIO LEAD DORES INTO A NEW ERA

WILL GIBBONS
SENIOR SPORTS REPORTER



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Quarterbacks Richard Kovalcheck, Chris Nickson and Mackenzi Adams are not looking to fill Jay Cutler's shoes, but seek to carve their own distinct paths. While Nickson will most likely start the season under center, Kovalcheck's experience and Adams' competitive edge give the Dores depth.

They know they have big shoes to fill. It's impossible to ignore the legacy. But for quarterbacks Chris Nickson, Mackenzi Adams and Richard Kovalcheck, the focus is not on becoming the next Jay Cutler. Rather, it's on using their respective talents for the good of the team. And with the talent at Vanderbilt improving each year, maybe that's all it needs.

"I'm going to try to succeed as much as [Cutler] did and do some of the things he did on the field as far as leadership," Nickson, the likely starter, said, "but I can never fill the shoes that Jay has for us."

The redshirt sophomore and unofficial starter brings mobility and a strong arm to the position, but still has only thrown three passes at the collegiate level. He saw action in five games last season. He rushed 15 times for 49 yards last

season as well.

If Nickson struggles, Adams and Kovalcheck are waiting in the wings. Kovalcheck has experience as a starter at Arizona.

Adams played the entire spring game, completing 21 of 44 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns. He did, however, throw three interceptions. He passed for 6,781 yards and 72 touchdowns during his prep career and led his team to the Oklahoma 6-A state championship. He has an accurate arm and will likely be the second quarterback.

Kovalcheck has taken advantage of a new NCAA rule which allows transfer players to play immediately if the transfer is into a graduate program. An Owen student, Kovalcheck is the most experienced of the three, starting 11 games in two years at Arizona. He threw for 2,391 yards as a Wildcat with 16 touchdowns and 18

interceptions. He is still learning the offense, and thus might not play right away.

"He had a 3.66 in Arizona," Coach Bobby Johnson said. "He's a smart guy...it's not rocket surgery, it's football."

It's up to these three, along with the rest of the team, to prove that there is life without Cutler.

"All of them are athletic," said Coach Bobby Johnson. "They can understand what we are teaching them and learn to do it. The weakness for all of them is a lack of experience in the SEC."

An offensive line that some are calling the best in years, along with Earl Bennett, Marlon White and a solid corps of receivers can only make the transition to life without Cutler easier. Having Cassen Jackson-Garrison back just weeks after undergoing an appendectomy is another boost.

"We can't count on the quarterbacks we have

with their inexperience to be as adept throwing the ball as Jay Cutler right when he left," Johnson said.

But the consensus is that the talent level has improved greatly at Vanderbilt.

"Our personnel seems like it gets better and better every year," Adams said. "We get better and better athletes here."

Above all, keeping a level head in tough situations will be key for the Dores. With the first game at Michigan and the usual slate of difficult Southeastern Conference games, the position of quarterback may be as much a mental challenge as it is physical.

"It's all about execution," Johnson said. "Follow the system and make sure that when it comes time to do something you've been asked to do, do it."

FOOTBALL

Summer softball league brings teammates together on a different kind of field

By Nicole Floyd
ASST NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Vanderbilt football team are used to throwing, catching, hitting and sweating, just not on a softball field.

When offensive tackles Chris Williams and Brian Stamper and fullback Stephen Bright first came up with the idea to start a summer softball league consisting solely of football

players, they were simply looking for a way to have a good time amidst the stress and demands of summer school.

While the players' decision to spend Sunday evenings at the softball field may have begun as a way to have a good time, the change of scenery also allowed the players to bond in a way not always possible during football practice.

"Playing softball allowed us to come to know each other on a

more personal level," said senior wide receiver Marlon White. "I think it was different than what happens during practice because it was leisure time we spent together. At football practice we are at work."

The Sunday afternoon softball games were hardly work for most of the 50 players that participated. Many of them had previous experience playing baseball, either on their high school's varsity baseball team or for fun in their spare time. According to Williams, others had a bit more difficulty and struck out almost every time.

However, it was the time spent together, not the individual achievements, that made this activity such a worthwhile experience for members of the football team.

"Playing softball helped to increase team unity because you got to work with people you wouldn't normally work with on the football field," Williams said. "For example, I got to work with defensive people and even some offensive players I don't normally play with."

The Commodores' camaraderie helped to gain them national press recognition. The football players turned softball stars were featured in a Sports Illustrated.com story entitled "Forming a Bond."

White believes that the bonds created this summer will last well into the season and beyond.

"We bonded more like brothers," White said. "We know we have each others' backs on the field and off the field."

FOOTBALL

Goff follows Osemwegie, on track to become next great Vanderbilt linebacker

By Franklin Petr
SPORTS REPORTER

While there is no denying the impact Jay Cutler had on the Black and Gold, there is another prominent face missing on the other side of the ball. The Commodores also find themselves without outside linebacker, captain and heart-and-soul of the team Moses Osemwegie.

"Moses was a great player and a great leader," said linebackers coach Warren Belin. "It's hard to replace a player like that."

Whether Osemwegie can actually be replaced is yet to be seen, but redshirt junior Jonathan Goff is taking over for the departed linebacker. Chosen by his teammates in the spring, Goff assumes the defensive captaincy while continuing his role as the starting middle linebacker. A two-year starter, Goff was third on the team last year in tackles and was a key presence both in the victory in Knoxville and in the overtime loss to Florida at the Swamp.

The Massachusetts native brings a fierce intensity to the game and is well respected by players and coaches alike.

"Jonathan is a great linebacker and he cares a lot for this team," Belin said. "I think he'll do a great job this year with the defense."

Alongside Goff is redshirt senior Kevin Joyce and fellow junior Marcus Buggs.

Joyce started last year at weakside linebacker opposite of Osemwegie, collecting 47 total tackles and a sack and managing at least seven tackles in both the win at Arkansas and the visit to Florida.

Buggs enters the position in the starting role for the first time, taking over the strongside spot left by Osemwegie.

"Moses was a great linebacker and did a lot of great things for (the team)," Goff said. "But we have a lot of people returning and our younger guys are stepping up and filling those key roles."

Along with the rest of the defense, the trio will find themselves facing immense pressure to defend the running game. Vanderbilt's first three contests pit them against Michigan running back Mike Hart, Alabama sensation Kenneth Darby, and the Arkansas Razorbacks, the SEC's leading rushing offense the past three years.

"We're looking to improve upon last year," Goff said of his goals for the season. "We're going to

have to be more aggressive at the point of attack to do that, though."

So while another season of Commodore football may be beginning, we should not begin to despair. A new season brings a new beginning, and although Jay Cutler's replacement has yet to be found, Jonathan Goff has stepped up for the defense.

As they say, "The best offense is a great defense."

Team honors Doster's life

By Max Franklin
SPORTS REPORTER

Coach Bobby Johnson announced this week that the Commodores have selected junior linebacker Jonathan Goff to wear a special patch on his jersey to honor former tailback Kwane Doster, who was shot and killed in his hometown of Tampa, Fla. on December 26, 2004.

"We decided to put a patch on one person to remember Kwane with," Johnson said. "It'll have a '1', a 'K' and a 'D' and the star will be in the '1'. We asked the team to elect that person with the qualities that Kwane had, which are being a great teammate, academically responsible, dedicated, and having the type of leadership that he had and demonstrated while he was playing here."

Although more than 20 players received votes, Johnson said Goff was very deserving.

"I thought (Goff) was a perfect choice," Johnson said. "Personality wise, they (Doster and Goff) might be just opposites, but (with) all the qualities and leadership qualities, dedication to his team and teammates, I thought it was the perfect pick."

Goff, also elected by his teammates as the defensive captain, will wear the patch for this season. Johnson said that one player each year will wear that patch for as long as he coaches at Vanderbilt.

After Johnson and his staff discussed the best way to honor Doster, the patch was chosen. There was talk of electing one player each year to wear a jersey with the No. '1', but then players such as offensive linemen would not be eligible and the staff wanted everyone to be involved.

The letters 'K' and 'D' will be put on the patch with the hope that television announcers will look up 'K.D.' and relay the story of Doster and what he means to the football team.



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Offensive lineman Merritt Kirchoffer tries his hand at pitching during a game in the Vanderbilt football team's softball league. The Dores played every Sunday this summer.

THE SEASON: A LOOK AHEAD

Sophomore sensations vital to present and future

By Jambu Palaniappan
ASST SPORTS EDITOR

Earl Bennett and Reshard Langford had much different summers than most Vanderbilt sophomores. Instead of working as camp counselors or scooping ice cream, Bennett and Langford spent the past three months in the sweltering heat of two-a-day practices as the Commodores' most visible and important stars on their respective sides of the ball.

"We worked hard over the summer on chemistry," Bennett said. "We should be a real unit. We've settled in as a team, and we're ready for whatever comes our way."

Bennett exploded onto the scene last year as a true freshman. He quickly became the Commodores' go-to wide receiver, catching 79 passes for 876 yards and nine touchdowns. With many focusing on the departure of Jay Cutler, much of the pressure to carry the offensive load falls onto Bennett's eager shoulders.

"It's a new year," Bennett said. "We may not have Jay here, but we do have a ton of talent on this team. We have to go out there and prove to everyone that we can play."

After being thrust into a starting role last season against Richmond, Bennett certainly proved that he can make plays. In fact, he garnered SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors four times.

However, individual praise and acclaim will not mollify Bennett this year. His personal goals are secondary to those of the team.

"Our goal as a team is to get to a bowl game," Bennett said. "It's as simple as that. It's our number one objective. We started very strong last season, but we fell off a little towards the end. I'm ready to do whatever it takes this year to win. This game isn't about me."

Bennett went through much of last season as an unknown commodity. This year is sure to be different with opposing defensive coordinators aware of his preseason first-team All-SEC tag and creating schemes to minimize his impact on the game.

"I'm not going to think about how other teams play me," Bennett said. "I'm going to play my own game. If I draw attention from double or triple coverage, then other people will be able to make plays. If that helps our team win, then that's what I need to do."

Langford, a redshirt sophomore, introduced himself to the SEC with a bang last season and proved to be one of the few bright spots in a young and inexperienced Commodore secondary that finished 11th in the SEC in pass defense.

The Commodores will face some of the most talented quarterbacks in the nation, including Florida's Chris Leak and Georgia's Joe Tereshinski. The onus is on Langford, a

safety, to create turnovers and keep Vanderbilt in the game. He is the unquestioned leader of the Dores' secondary.

"One of the big keys to our defense this year is unity," Langford said. "Our goal is to be on the same page, to work hard together, and to build a community on the field. Our secondary may be young, but we're hungry and we can play with the best of them."

The defense's most daunting task could come in the season opener against Michigan. The No. 14 Wolverines offense is punishing and persistent, but Langford is ready for the challenge.

"Going to Michigan is great exposure for us, but once we're on the field, we have to treat it like every other game," Langford said. "If we fall into the trap of being intimidated, then it's going to be difficult."

Regardless of the outcome, Langford will certainly be an example for his teammates. His work ethic and excellent physical conditioning make him the Commodores' most talented and versatile defensive back.

"My biggest goal this season is to be a good teammate," Langford said. "I want to help our team win any way we can. It doesn't matter if I'm the focus or not, it's just time to win."

On the eve of another season, it is clear that these sophomore sensations are the future and, perhaps more importantly, the present of Vanderbilt football.



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Earl Bennett plants and runs after the catch at a recent practice. The Commodores will look to the sophomore wide receiver to lead the offense after he burst onto the scene last season. He caught 79 passes for 876 yards and nine touchdowns, all team highs.

FOOTBALL

Hahnfeldt, Upson focused on making special teams' mishaps a distant memory

By Max Franklin
SPORTS REPORTER

Since last season, sophomore place-kicker Bryant Hahnfeldt changed his number from 75 to 8. While he may have a lower number, he hasn't lowered his personal expectations or those for the rest of the special teams squad.

"They're all being called on to do their jobs, there's a lot of pressure on them too," Hahnfeldt said, referring to the other units. "When we're called on we'll do our job, and everybody's backing each other up—that's just the way it goes."

Everyone on the team will breathe a little easier knowing that Hahnfeldt will again be anchoring the special teams, after being named the team's Special Teams Player of the Year last season. Hahnfeldt converted 12 of 17 field goals and 32 of 33 extra points last year, while averaging over 41 yards per punt, as the Commodore special teams became a consistent asset after being a liability for the past few seasons.

"Special teams is always important," coach Bobby Johnson said. "We've tried to tweak a few things in our schemes, and in our approach at practice, to make sure that we're giving it the amount of time that it deserves. There's an emphasis on it (this season)."

Vanderbilt's offense almost took a big hit when Hahnfeldt went down against Tennessee last season with a severe knee injury, but he has worked hard through the off-season to ensure that he will be ready to kick in the opener against Michigan.

"During the whole spring semester it was really tough," Hahnfeldt said. "I was in the training room all the time, it was tough on me, but I worked through it all and finally got cleared this summer,

so I'm good to go now."

The adrenaline will surely be pumping for true freshman Brett Upson, who has been named the starting punter. Johnson brought in Upson to take some pressure off the recovering Hahnfeldt, and has no qualms throwing him onto the field to face the raucous crowd that is the Wolverine faithful.

"Well we had a freshman (kicker) last year, and he did very well," Johnson said. "Our first kick at Wake Forest, he drilled it right down the middle. I don't know that age has anything to do with it; it's just confidence and skill. They need to learn sometime, and they're not going to get any experience without putting them in there."

Upson is eager to play and have the type of season that Hahnfeldt put together last year.

"I'm a little bit nervous (about playing at Michigan), but everybody's going to be nervous," Upson said. "I just have to go out there and keep it smooth, do what I know I have to do, and can do."

The kicking and punting duties are certainly not the only aspects of special teams that were emphasized this season. The speed of the return game will be taken care of by having sophomore wide receiver Earl Bennett, redshirt freshman receiver Alex Washington, and sophomore cornerback Josh Allen handle the punt and kickoff returning duties. The Dores hope to add more big plays to their return game and to improve their punt return defense, as they had the 110th ranked net average for punts last season.

"There's not really any extra pressure on the special teams," Upson said. "We were brought here to do a job, just like everybody else, and we've got to perform when we need to be performing."

COLUMN

Fans should be psyched for season opener

Tomorrow the Vanderbilt Commodores will open the 2006 season in front of more than 100,000 faithful singing "Hail to the Victors." Conventional wisdom says this is foolish scheduling. Besides

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receiving extra money and national television exposure, starting the new season against perennial national title contender Michigan, appears ludicrous. Here's why:

Not utilizing a gift: The NCAA gave Vanderbilt a gift and the administration decided to turn it down. With the addition of a twelfth game to the schedule, the Commodores will now need to go only 6-6, instead of 6-5 to become bowl eligible for the first time since 1982.

The prudent move would be to schedule a cupcake D-1 school, outside of one of the power conferences.

Heading away from home: You only need to look back two seasons to experience a time when Vanderbilt was unable to win a game on the road. Michigan is ranked No. 14 in the AP preseason poll. The last time Vanderbilt knocked off a Top 25 team on the road was 1956.

Untested quarterbacks: Though it has yet to be formally announced, it appears likely that Chris Nickson will take the first snap from center. While

Nickson's dual-threat capabilities thrilled fans during his brief appearances last season, he has never started a game.

Whether Nickson, redshirt freshman Mackenzi Adams, or transfer Richard Kovalcheck earns the highest percentage of playing time Saturday, the Commodore quarterback will be anchoring the Vanderbilt offense in one of the most hostile environments in the nation.

Starting the season on a sour note: Michigan first. Alabama second. The Commodores could be 0-2 before they bat an eye.

Yet, none of the aforementioned negative reasons are paramount. The Vanderbilt community should be psyched. The opportunity to open the season on national television in front of over 100,000 fans donning Michigan yellow and blue will make for a surreal start to the 2006 campaign.

Since the Commodores capped last season with a 28-24 victory against Tennessee in Knoxville, knocking off the Wolverines at the "Big House" would complete the most storied two game span in the school's history.

Regardless, the Commodores are about to kick off the season in one of the most renowned football venues in the nation. Are the Commodores supposed to win? No. Some experts question whether Vanderbilt will even score. Yet, this is what makes college football so special, because if we do pull off the unthinkable and actually win, you'll find me singing "Hail to the Commodores."

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#9 California @ #23 Tennessee	TENNESSEE	CAL	TENNESSEE	TENNESSEE
#6 Southern Cal @ Arkansas	USC	USC	USC	USC
#11 Florida St. @ #12 Miami	MIAMI	MIAMI	MIAMI	MIAMI
#2 Notre Dame @ Georgia Tech	GEORGIA TECH	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME	NOTRE DAME



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LIFE

GETTING BACK
in the MIXADRIENNE WILLEY
LIFE STAFF WRITER

This time of year is daunting and exciting, full of promise, and yet somehow a little sad. In the spirit of endings, beginnings and new experiences, here is a mix of music, both new and old, to remind even the most reluctant of returning students that much of school is found outside the classroom.

1. WISER TIME
by The Black Crowes2. AUTUMN SWEATER
by Yo La Tengo3. COFFEE AND TV
by Blur4. WEED PARTY
by Band of Horses5. 24 HOUR PARTY PEOPLE
by Happy Mondays6. ONE BIG HOLIDAY
by My Morning Jacket7. AGELESS BEAUTY
by Stars8. MY MATHEMATICAL MIND
by Spoon9. ANYONE CAN PLAY GUITAR
by Radiohead*10. THIS HEART'S ON FIRE
by Wolf Parade11. AIN'T LIFE GRAND
by Widespread Panic12. WHAT'S THE WORLD GOT IN STORE
by Wilco*

*This playlist has been published as an iMix on iTunes titled "Vanderbilt Hustler Back in the Mix." All songs are available for purchase except these two.

FEATURE

making fridays MORE FUNKY

BY MONIKA BLACKWELL
LIFE EDITOR

Listen up, hipsters. There's a new gig in town that might fit the bill for the jaded dance club frequenter. Until now, Nashville clubs haven't really offered a diverse selection of music. Instead, hot spots tend to stick to hip-hop and dance hits played on mainstream radio stations. Recently, a few daring indie kids decided it was time to come out of the woodwork because, as they put it, they got "tired of dancing in living rooms."

As a solution to the problem, Vanderbilt graduate student Sam Patton and graduate Courtney Wilder started Left Can Dance, a Friday night dance party at Ombi Bar/Le Peep on Elliston Place that debuted on June 23.

Based on New York clubs that feature various genres of some of the more underground music, Left Can Dance DJs play indie, postpunk, new wave and even a few 80s classics. The premise: Left Can Dance plays music found "left of the dial."

From 10 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., Nashvillians can groove to the sounds of Franz Ferdinand, New Order, Daft Punk, Le Tigre and other related artists. Theme nights such as "Bastille Day" and "Snakes on a Plane" give the evening some extra flavor.

Resident DJs include WRVU past and current DJs Sam Patton, Courtney Wilder and Kelly Taylor, with a rotating list of guest DJs.

"We're not trying to be elitist or snobs about it," said Wilder, "We just want to have a good time and have everybody else have a good time."

Terry Raley, the bar manager at Ombi Bar, said

that a lot of bar owners shy away from these kinds of dance nights because they aren't necessarily as profitable as mainstream events. "But I see it as something that can be built on, that can continue to grow, that can continue to branch out," Raley said. "I think that this city could use a little boost in its night scene for those kinds of hipsters."

Raley explained that Ombi Bar/Le Peep, a unique restaurant and bar combo, will be on the Commodore Card in October, which should also make the venue more appealing to Vanderbilt students.

"I think it's a scene that's more based on the love people have for music," Wilder said. "The crowd we have there is a lot more stylish and more unique." Indeed, at Left Can Dance, it's all about good music and sharp style. Headbands, chunky beads and big sunglasses abound.

What's interesting about Left Can Dance, however, is that not everybody goes there to partake in the dancing. The trendy spot also appeals to those who would rather spend their Friday nights sitting on the sidelines enjoying a drink.

"It's a great combination of a party atmosphere and a chill-out atmosphere," said Patton who notes that the hangout should entice Vanderbilt students due to its proximity to campus (it's within walking distance) and its great deals. Indeed, the drinks are more reasonably priced than any New York club, and there's no cover charge before 11 p.m. After 11, it is only \$3 for anyone 18 and over.

As Patton boasted, "There's nothing else like it in Nashville." Unless of course, you're dancing in somebody's living room. ■

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photos by JOHN BRASSIL

Above: Courtney Wilder, one of the founders and resident DJs spins music. Above Right: The crowd gets down inside Ombi Bar. Bottom Right: DJs Kelly Taylor and Sam Patton mix it up at Left Can Dance.

DAILY DOSE

FRIDAY 9/1

Two great shows tonight for two different musical tastes:

Bone Thugs n' Harmony-City Hall, 9pm

Bang Bang Bang- Exit/In, 8:30pm

SATURDAY 9/2

Enjoy the nice weather while it's here at the 4th Annual Music City Jazz, Blues, and Heritage Festival at Rivergate Park beginning at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 9/3

Experience a side of Nashville you've never seen before at the 1st Annual Music City Motorcycle Rally at Nashville Shores.

MONDAY 9/4

Skip classes this Labor Day and pretend that Nashville is a sporting city by attending the Sounds game at Greer Stadium, 12 p.m.

TUESDAY 9/5

Skip Sportsman's/Sam's for one week and go see the never before released in the US 1975 British WWII film "Overlord" at the Belcourt Theatre.

WEDNESDAY 9/6

If you've never been to the Country Music Hall of Fame, go today and see the Ray Charles exhibition, "I Can't Stop Loving You: Ray Charles and Country Music."

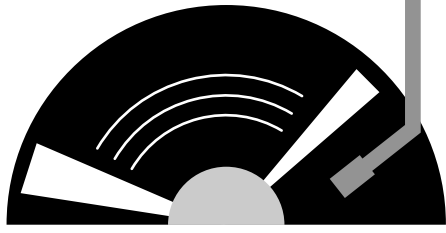
THURSDAY 9/7

Enjoy the Frist Center's free Music in the Grand Lobby series and check out their Egypt exhibit "The Quest for Immortality!" Music 5:30-7:30 p.m.



TOP SPINS

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Damaged
- 02 Camera Obscura
Let's Get Out Of This Country
- 03 Sufjan Stevens
The Avalanche
- 04 Oh No! Oh My!
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- 05 Venus Hum
The Colors in the Wheel
- 06 Six Organs of Admittance
The Sun Awakens
- 07 Caribou
Start Breaking My Heart/Up in Flames
- 08 Thom Yorke
The Eraser
- 09 Wire
Chairs Missing
- 10 Oneida
Happy New Year
- 11 Girl Talk
Night Ripper
- 12 The French Kicks
Two Thousand
- 13 Devotchka
Curse Your Little Heart
- 14 Dawson Wells
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- 15 The Rewinds
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MUSIC

Nashville Venue Round-Up

BY SAM PATTON
LIFE STAFF WRITER

Welcome to the Music City, boys and girls. Despite the popular opinion, Nashville is not all about country music. (Although I do implore you to make your way over to Tootsie's or the Bluebird Café sometime during the next nine months.) I'm here to fill you in on a few of Nashville's best venues. So buy some cab vouchers on the Card and start exploring.

Exit/In
2208 Elliston Place
www.exitin.com

Opened in 1971, this has long been the "go-to" venue when Nashvillians want to catch bigger-name indie acts. With the recent opening of some larger-capacity venues, however, the Exit/In has lost a bit of its cache. But there are still a ton of great acts on the calendar, and as an added bonus for the vehicle-less student, it's within walking distance of campus.

Past Performers: The Decemberists, LCD Soundsystem, Josh Rouse, Ted Leo and the Pharmacists

Upcoming Shows: Band of Horses (9/19), Wolfmother (9/20), Architecture in Helsinki (9/23)

The End
2219 Elliston Place

In one sense, The End is the little brother to Exit/In. The two venues are located across the street from each other, and The End is smaller, dingier and hotter than its neighbor. But what it may lack in air conditioning is more than made up for by cheaper ticket prices (almost always in the single digits) and the chance to see cool up-and-coming bands. And The End has so much cred that it doesn't even have a Web site.

Past Performers: Of Montreal, Deerhoof, The Spinto Band

Upcoming Shows: An Albatross (8/28), Chicago Afrobeat Project (9/7)

The Basement
1604 8th Ave. S.
www.thebasementnashville.com

The Basement is located, appropriately enough, in the basement underneath Grimey's New and Preloved Record Store. Small and intimate, this venue is a great place to catch both singer-songwriters and rock bands. Every Tuesday night is New Faces Night, where you can catch brand new acts from Nashville and elsewhere for free. Take note, however: The Basement is strictly a 21+ venue.

Past Performers: SOUND Team, Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, The Clientele

Upcoming Shows: Snowden (8/30), Dr. Dog (9/17), Magnolia Electric Co. (9/25)

Mercy Lounge/Cannery Ballroom
1 Cannery Row
www.mercylounge.com

The Mercy Lounge and the Cannery Ballroom are both located in the same building — the smaller Lounge is upstairs and the Ballroom is downstairs. While the Lounge has its fair share of cool shows, the Ballroom's 1,000-person capacity allows it to host the

bigger names in indie music that pass through Nashville. The sight lines and floor layout of the Ballroom, however, leave much to be desired. If you want to see eight bands for free, try out the "8 Off 8th Showcase" every Monday night at the Lounge.

Past Performers: Andrew Bird (ML), The Shins (CB), Iron and Wine (CB), Sufjan Stevens (CB)

Upcoming Shows: Venus Hum (8/25, ML), Of Montreal (9/24, ML)

Ryman Auditorium
116 5th Ave. N.
www.ryman.com

There is nothing quite like seeing a concert at the historic Ryman Auditorium. The atmosphere and the acoustics have to be experienced to be believed, although the pew-style seating is a little awkward. It's become trendy over the past few years for rock acts to play at the Ryman, so keep an eye on the calendar and put Ticketmaster on speed dial: the 2003 Coldplay concert sold out in under 30 minutes.

Past Performers: David Byrne, The Pixies, Wilco, Sigur Ros

Upcoming Shows: Sufjan Stevens (9/11), Matisyahu (9/20) ■



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The Ryman Auditorium is the original home of The Grand Ole Opry.

HEALTH



How to avoid the freshman 15 and keep it off

BY LEIGH REMY
LIFE HEALTH WRITER

The freshman 15 is not inevitable, but with the stress of living in an unfamiliar environment and classes starting, as well as the inconvenience of not having your own kitchen, maintaining a healthy diet can be difficult.

In an effort to provide students with more nutritious foods, Vanderbilt Dining has made two on-campus additions, both of which offer vegan and vegetarian options. The first is Lunch Paper, which is located in Rand. It offers ethnic cuisine and will change regions throughout the year. Until Sept. 10, Lunch Paper will serve Latin American cuisine.

The second addition to the Vanderbilt campus is Nectar, a natural foods store located in Vandy-Barnard. Nectar sells organic, all natural foods and beverages including fresh fruit and vegetables, nutrition bars, cereals, gourmet cheeses, frozen meals, snack foods, fruit juices and fortified waters.

While having access to healthy foods on campus is certainly helpful, putting a healthy lifestyle into practice may take a little bit of extra work. Following are 10 tips for making that task a bit easier.

1. Make a gym buddy. Arrange times and days of the week to meet a friend at the rec center. You'll be less likely to procrastinate or skip working out altogether if you have already agreed to meet someone there.

2. Lift weights. Strength training is great for toning your muscles, and, as long as you can do 12-15 repetitions of a particular exercise, won't add bulk. It also increases your metabolism by altering your body composition. While a cardio workout does burn more calories, the added muscle from weight lifting will increase your resting metabolic rate and keep you burning calories throughout your day.

3. Walk as much as possible. If you have a car on campus, leave it for the weekends or trips far away from campus.

4. Remember that liquid calories count. Flavored and/or frozen coffee drinks can contain as many calories as a meal. A grande mocha Frappuccino from Starbucks contains 450 calories. If you need a caffeine boost, try regular coffee or a skim milk latte. Also, be aware that alcohol has calories and so do mixers. The healthiest and lowest calorie alcoholic beverage is a glass of white wine, which contains 65-80 calories per four ounce glass, depending on the grape. Mixed drinks often contain large amounts of sugar and are deceptively high in calories (on average about 250 calories). A 12-ounce Long Island iced tea can contain 750 calories. If you're going to make a mixed drink, use diet soda or reduced-sugar juice. Beer can add up quickly and cause bloating, so stick to light beers, and drink in moderation. Also remember to avoid the temptation to skip meals, especially dinner, to compensate for alcoholic beverages.

5. Plan ahead for the late-night munchies. Especially if you've been drinking, you may get hungry late at night. The munchie marts have plenty of healthy options, so avoid Branscomb breakfast and processed junk food, and go for things like fruit, yogurt or cereal instead.

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MOVIE



"World Trade Center," story of hope and courage

Oliver Stone's latest pays respectful tribute to the heroes of the tragedy.

BY LINDA VONGKHAMCHANH
LIFE STAFF WRITER

Nearly five years after Sept. 11, Paramount Pictures released "World Trade Center," a film based on the true Sept. 11 experiences of two Port Authority officers. During its pre-release, both controversy and anticipation surrounded the Oliver Stone-directed production.

Many people asked if it was too early to release the film version of an event so traumatic and personal, arguing that no one would want to relive that tragic day. Nevertheless, the movie premiered, and Stone captured the heroism and courage of Sept. 11 heroes, namely John McLoughlin (Nicolas Cage) and Will Jimeno (Michael Pena), without any unnecessary sinister scenes or political undertones.

"World Trade Center" was a personal account of these brave men and what their families experienced and felt. In bringing two emotionally evocative stories to the big screen, Stone presents an intimate look into the lives of people affected by the horrific events of Sept. 11.

The cinematography also drives the film emotionally. Because Stone focused more on the relationships and reactions of the people rather than on the external event, audiences never actually see the morbid images of how the catastrophe began. Instead, Stone realistically captures the quickly unfolding events of that day through the horrified expressions of the people.

Since the film took place in a short time span, the scenery did not change much. It was easy to remain riveted, however, as Cage's and Pena's characters struggled to remain alive while trapped under the rubble. These moments are interrupted by scenes of the men's families, who anxiously await their return.

Maggie Gyllenhaal gave a touching performance as Jimeno's pregnant wife, Allison. Cage and Pena also gave exceptionally convincing performances as New Yorkers. However, Stone could have excluded Jimeno's arbitrary visions of Jesus, as they seemed out of place during the solemn interaction between the two lead characters.

"World Trade Center" is not a film that entertains like a drama or scares like a thriller. Nor is it a film that informs like a documentary. Rather, it is a film that should move you in way that others do not, from the experiences of real people in a real tragedy.

Although "World Trade Center" reminds us what happened that day almost five years ago, it serves as a reminder that many people risked their lives to save others. It is a story of hope, camaraderie, love, courage and survival. If anything, Stone captures positive images, the good in people and even the beauty of New York as the shot scanning the rubble subtly changes to the breathtaking Manhattan skyline. There are no hidden messages or biases in "World Trade Center." Instead, there is a message of hope that viewers can take home with them after the movie is over. ■



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“ In bringing emotionally evocative stories to the big screen, Stone presents an intimate look into the lives of people affected by the horrific events of Sept. 11. ”

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FASHION



KATY FINNERAN / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Sophomore Sara Okin sports J. Crew tuxedo shirt, J. Crew corduroy vest, skinny-leg Miss Sixty jeans and Frye boots.

Ride Into Fall Fashion

BY KATY FINNERAN
LIFE FASHION WRITER

While interning on Fashion Avenue in New York City this summer, I realized that every designer labors over proportion, fabric, color and embellishment with the hope that in a highly competitive market, the consumer will somehow identify with his or her collection.

In a world where individuals constantly distress about being misunderstood, designers aim to help individuals find their identities through the designer's clothing lines. They want the consumer to wear their line and actually experience a change in mood and a rise in confidence. In short, I learned that fashion is more than a look: it's a mindset.

Thus, as I considered various fall trends for my first article, I searched for a style that carried not only aesthetic pleasure but also possessed character and

value. I think people too often misjudge fashion as superficial. However, I found faith in the equestrian trend.

The equestrian look reminded me of an older America, a time when families could interact with nature, bask in each other's company and appreciate the luxury of sport and time spent with friends. While I understand that for most Americans the days of riding are long gone, something about the idea of it struck a chord in me even though I myself do not ride.

I have found that there are suitable equestrian trends for different personality types and wearing these trends will not only enhance your appearance but will remind you to return to those old American values.

Here are some equestrian trends to incorporate into your wardrobe. Some require

merely a fabric switch, such as substituting leather for cotton. Others require the complete revamping of wardrobe design. Either way, you are more than likely to find at least one trend to incorporate into your individual, stylish wardrobe.

For the Prep:

Let's face it: the polo shirt is a definite staple here at Vanderbilt. Ralph Lauren's new jockey polo shirt offers a way for you to distinguish yourself as a trendster among the myriad of polo-wearing students. Pair this with anything from the classic khaki skirt to this season's trendy skinny-leg jeans. You'll be fashionable yet classic enough that you're comfortable.

Another option for the prep is a new spin on the traditional oxford. This season, J. Crew is making fabulous tuxedo shirts. Pair this with a J. Crew corduroy

vest and you'll be ready for the Triple Crown.

For the Vintage Lover:

For those of you who cling to your distressed jeans like Lindsay Lohan clings to her sunglasses, try J. Crew vintage shirts. J. Crew offers a wide selection of equestrian-themed faded silk-screen tees.

Or, if your closet is already inundated with last season's vintage tees by Grail, Junkfood and Emerge, look for the perfect fall boots to match your jeans. Rummage through vintage and thrift stores and even your parents' closets for the ultimate pair of vintage boots.

For the Trendy Urban Girl

Too trendy for polos and middle-end designers like J. Crew? Try Chanel's thigh-high black patent leather boots this season. Pair these fabulous boots with this season's biggest

trend, skinny-leg jeans, and you'll be hotter than the move-in crew. Shown here are Miss Sixty skinny-leg jeans, which even have a zipper at the ankle to emphasize the tapered, equestrian-inspired appearance.

For the later days of autumn also try to incorporate leather gloves into your wardrobe. Leather gloves always exude comfort, warmth and sheer luxury. Black leather gloves are not only equestrian-chic, they'll shield your hands from chilly autumn nights.

So whether you opt for thigh-high leather Chanel boots or merely add a jockey shirt to your collection of polos, make some attempt to update your wardrobe with an equestrian flair, and thus embrace autumn the old American way. ■

FOOD

Chappy's on Church features Old World elegance with New Orleans flair

BY DARCY NEWELL
LIFE STAFF WRITER

Since this past June, Chappy's on Church has been adding a Southern Creole style to the streets of downtown Nashville.

Chappy's Seafood Restaurant was originally located in Long Beach, Miss., where it had been a successful staple of the community since 1984. However, due to the damage Hurricane Katrina caused to the owner's home and restaurant last fall, the restaurant has relocated to Nashville.

"It was complete devastation," said John "Chappy" Chapman, the owner and chef of the restaurant. "Every memento, every photograph, every possession is gone. It's probably the toughest thing to happen in all of my life."

Chappy, his wife and his two college-aged children were taken in by a friend, and after much struggle to hire an entirely new staff and find and furnish a new location, the restaurant reopened in June under the new name "Chappy's on Church," now located at 1721 Church Street.

Despite the hardships of starting over, the revamped restaurant has enjoyed considerable success in its new home. At 5:30 on a Wednesday afternoon, the restaurant is relatively lively, and Chappy boasts that they are already booked through the weekend.

Chappy's on Church specializes in Southern Creole cuisine and conjures an atmosphere of New Orleans' "Old World" Charm. Tucked away in an unlikely neighborhood, Chappy's on Church is a pleasant surprise from the moment you walk in. The restaurant features a grand dining room furnished in classic New Orleans form: white table cloths and napkins are offset by the deep red, green, purple and black walls. The intricately carved wooden bar was imported from Europe, and the bar is separated from the dining room by Parisian-inspired stained-glass windows. The room is lit by chandeliers reminiscent of streetlights hanging from the ceiling. An eclectic mix of lively jazz and bluegrass plays softly throughout.

The expansive menu boasts innovative recipes and flavor combinations, offering its guests a wide variety of chicken, beef and seafood. The uniqueness of the restaurant can be detected instantly when bread is served with an array of strawberry, garlic and smoked alligator butter. As recommended by our waitress, who epitomized refined Southern charm, we chose the popular ried green tomatoes appetizer, which was prepared with a crabmeat Hollandaise sauce, Parmesan cheese and baby shrimp. The portion was more than generous and quite filling, but, surprisingly, not

overwhelmingly rich. Instead, the appetizer was refreshingly innovative and was finished far too soon.

Much deliberation is necessary to choose an entrée, as the menu is entirely appetizing and intriguing. Items vary from traditional hometown favorites such as Chappy's highly requested blackened trout to the more exotic fare, such as frog legs. In an effort to taste as much of the menu as possible, we chose quail from the poultry section and shrimp from the seafood section.

Surprisingly, even the salads that accompanied the main courses were unique, featuring kidney beans, shell noodles and nutmeg-marinated pickles. Strange choices, perhaps, but they came together nicely and the salad was surprisingly good.

By the time the main course arrives, those with small appetites may be full, but at the sight of the steaming, colorful plates, their appetites will surely return. Both entrées came with a heaping portion of intensely flavorful, spicy rice, no doubt a New Orleans classic. The food was delicious and powerfully spicy, and it goes without saying that our plates were cleaned.

The dessert options are all equally mouth-watering, including a giant chocolate layer cake that our waitress described as a "slow death." Instead, we chose the immensely satisfying coconut cake.

Food for thought

Chappy's on Church

1721 Church St.

322-9932

Hours: Sun-Sat 11AM-10PM

Menu: American, Cajun & Creole

Price: \$\$\$

Atmosphere: Modern Casual

Dress: Snappy Casual

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As we finished our meal, we saw Chappy come out of the kitchen and make his rounds to all the tables. Laughing and joking with all the patrons as if they were family, he made his way to our table one final time. When asked if he always dreamed to own a restaurant like this, he laughed and said, "I have a B.A. from Loyola in Business, a degree from University of Chicago in international transportation and another in international banking." He paused. "And here I is a chef!"

Bottom line, Chappy and his restaurant exude a laid-back New Orleans' atmosphere in an elegant setting. The food is delicious but expensive, so come with an empty stomach and a full wallet, and you won't be disappointed. ■

BOOKS

Short guide offers more than expected

BY WHITNEY ANDERSON
LIFE STAFF WRITER

While the summer days have slipped away much too quickly and classes are already overloading students with work, Anna Quindlen's "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" is a quick read that anyone can complete within a couple hours of spare time.

Though the book is short and concise (64 pages in all), it offers the kind of advice that is especially handy to those who might be feeling even the least bit uncertain about what their futures hold. The book inspires the reader to take hold of every opportunity and look toward each day with an optimistic attitude.

Quindlen's best advice comes in her section on how to live life. She states, "But you are the only person alive who has sole custody of your life... Not just your life at a desk, or your life on the bus, or in the car, or at the computer. Not just the life of your mind, but the life of your heart." Quindlen presents all of the different aspects in an individual's life that can be and often need to be redefined. As she astutely points out, the individual has the power to run his or her life.

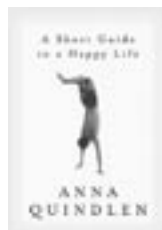
After picking up "A Short Guide to a Happy Life" by Anna Quindlen, I felt uplifted and enlightened. Due to the size of the book, I would have never thought that it would offer such inspiring and thought-provoking

guidance.

Quindlen emphasizes the importance of the things in life that often go overlooked,

including friendship, family, love and an overall dedication to others. She states that some of our greatest teachers are not found in the classroom but rather on the seat next to us on an airplane, or, for her, on the boardwalk at Coney Island. She places importance on observation and urges readers to listen to each person that he or she may encounter, for each moment in life is a learning experience in the making, and each individual has something unique to offer.

When you need a study break in the next few weeks, take time to read Anna Quindlen's "A Short Guide to a Happy Life." It might inspire you to make that extra effort to read ahead in your history book or persuade you to revise your English paper one last time. For me, I finished the book with the realization that I should live my life with my whole heart and soul. Quindlen's words have a lasting effect and will most likely remain with you, hopefully becoming a part of your daily outlook and your future actions. ■



WINE

Rumours offers great wine, atmosphere

BY GOODLOE HARMAN
LIFE STAFF WRITER

Located in a small renovated house in the center of the young and vibrant 12 Avenue South neighborhood of Nashville, Rumours Wine and Art Bar is a wonderful place to convene with friends for a cool, relaxing night of good food and great wine. Interesting art from a gallery next door adorns the walls of both the tiny bar and the dining room, and weathered metal sculptures sit amongst the tables out on the larger patio — the perfect place to sit on a (relatively) cool late summer or early fall evening. With an impressive list of over sixty bottles of red and white wines available by the glass or by the bottle, there is something to satisfy everyone from the self-proclaimed oenophile to the curious novice.

Arriving at Rumours at a

little past seven, my friend and I were told to sit wherever we wished. We chose a cozy table in the corner of the patio that was surrounded on two sides by blossoming shrubbery. A waitress promptly provided the menu of the day, which was written on a chalkboard that she brought to each table, and the wine list. Though the menu was limited, every item on it sounded and indeed proved to be wonderful.

My friend decided on the shrimp appetizer, which consisted of grilled shrimp over a bean, corn and tomato salsa with homemade tortilla chips, and their Mediterranean salad of mixed greens, fresh red peppers, olives and feta cheese with a white balsamic vinaigrette made that very day. I opted for their steak salad, comprised of grilled steak over mixed greens, sliced avocados, red peppers

and corn, with a homemade ranch dressing. Neither of us was disappointed: the grilled shrimp was very well-prepared, and although my friend found the white balsamic vinaigrette to be a little sweet for her taste, the freshness of the greens and the generous heap of feta on top more than made up for it. My salad was perfectly dressed (not too little, not too much), and the juicy, tender steak on top provided for a delicious flavor combination. The real highlight of our evening, however, was the wine.

I learned from one of the waiters that Rumours employs a state of the art Cruvinet wine preservation system which prevents wine in opened bottles from oxidizing. Once a bottle of wine is opened, the wine's continued exposure to oxygen gradually changes its flavor until, after a matter of hours,

it becomes sour and vinegary. The Cruvinet system places a layer of nitrogen between the wine and the air, effectively curbing oxidation and therefore keeping the wine fresh for weeks instead of hours. Thanks to this, Rumours offers many premium wines by the glass in addition to the wines that are more moderately priced.

We enjoyed every wine we tasted, particularly the delicious, honey-scented Kuentz-Bas Blanc, a white wine from the Alsace region of France, and the creamy Reinhold Haart Riesling, a white from Germany that served as the perfect dessert, leaving a wonderful aftertaste of light caramel in our mouths.

As the weather slowly becomes more bearable in the coming weeks, bring a group of friends out to Rumours for a fun, relaxing, and slightly sophisticated evening. ■

Health: Maintain a healthy lifestyle

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6. Eat more often. Snacking isn't the enemy. Eating between meals keeps your energy up, your blood sugar stable and your metabolism moving. Throw something small like a piece of fruit, a meal bar or a single-serving bag of crackers or goldfish into your bag so you have something on hand.

7. Increase your fiber intake. Complex, high fiber carbohydrates are more difficult to digest and will keep you fuller longer.

8. Don't avoid fat. Your body needs it to function, and eating healthy fats can help with weight management by keeping your metabolism steady and your stomach satisfied. Mixed nuts, olive oil, peanut butter, eggs, cheese, fish and poultry are all healthy choices.

9. Avoid processed foods. When you're pressed for time and your kitchen consists of a mini fridge and a microwave, it can be difficult to prepare a fresh meal; however, a turkey sandwich from Rotiki is better than a Hot Pocket or Pop Tarts.

10. Stay hydrated! Feelings of thirst are often mistaken for feelings of hunger. Also, when your body is adequately hydrated, you are less likely to retain excess fluids that cause bloating. Keep your caffeine intake to a minimum and keep a bottle of water on hand. If you are a soda or coffee drinker and find drinking water difficult, add a packet of Crystal Light mix. It adds flavor without adding sugar or caffeine. ■

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