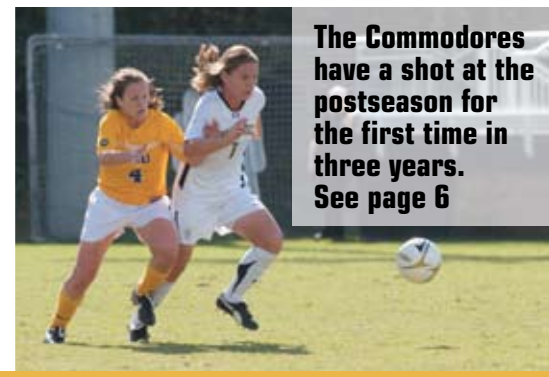


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The Commodores have a shot at the postseason for the first time in three years. See page 6

Students save a woman's life over fall break



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Sophomores Tyler Frazier of Atlanta, far left, Andrew Venkatraman of Philadelphia, Daniel Birmingham of Chicago and Colin McClain of Columbus, Ohio, were on their way back from a fall break trip in a friend's Buick when they came across a rockslide on Interstate 40 outside of Asheville, N.C. The students made national news headlines after rescuing a 74-year-old woman trapped in her car under the boulders.

by EMILY HOBBS
Contributing Reporter

Early Sunday morning, sophomores Colin McClain, Dan Birmingham, Tyler Frazier and Drew Venkatraman were driving back to Vanderbilt from fall break in Myrtle Beach, S.C. They were traveling on Interstate 40 near the Tennessee state line about 2 a.m. when they came across a rockslide and saw what appeared to be a bad wreck. The men stopped and found 73-year-old Lohvohn Reynolds of Santa Rosa Beach, Fla., in her car.

Reynolds had been traveling from Charleston, S.C., to Chattanooga, Tenn., to visit her 18-month-old grandson. As she drove down the interstate, rocks, some as large as cars, began to fall onto the road. It became difficult for her to use the brakes

because debris was getting trapped under her car. She tried to move off the road but it was impossible, and her car crashed into the rock wall. Shortly after the crash, McClain and his friends came upon Reynolds' car.

"It took us a while to realize the outlines in the dust were rocks," McClain said. "We thought it was just an accident at first."

Birmingham, Frazier and Venkatraman helped Reynolds out of her car and back to theirs. They sat with her and kept her calm since she was shaken from the crash. Meanwhile, McClain called emergency services.

"We were in the middle of a national park, and I was the only one who had cell phone service. I called 911 while the others waited," said McClain.

It was difficult for emergency personnel to reach the site of the rockslide because of its

isolated location. McClain said it took almost 45 minutes for EMS to reach them. They took over care of Reynolds, who suffered from bruising, burns from the airbags, cuts and a sprained ankle and wrist, according to the Citizen-Times in Asheville. She spent one night Haywood Regional Medical Center in Haywood County, N.C., before traveling to her daughter's home in Chattanooga, where she is recovering.

Once Reynolds had left, the boys couldn't leave right away. Since they were first to the site of the accident, cars had backed up behind them, unable to pass through. They were locked in from all sides. McClain said they were on the mountain for more than four hours before finally heading home.

"It was definitely interesting," McClain said. "It was a situation that none of us had ever been in before." ■



photo provided by VUPD

According to VUPD Commander Andrew Atwood, this security camera screenshot shows two suspects in the recent parking lot vandalism, where nine windshields were damaged during an early-morning spree.

Windshields broken on nine cars parked in campus lots

by MADELEINE ENGLIS
Staff Reporter

In "an extremely unusual" event, the windshields on nine student vehicles were damaged in the span of five hours.

According to the Vanderbilt University Police Department, an unidentified person came onto campus between midnight and 5 a.m. on Oct. 16 and smashed the glass on the students' cars.

"In the past, we have come across an occasional vandalized vehicle ... but we never before have seen an incident on such a large scale within this short period of time," said VUPD Commander Andrew Atwood.

Another unique aspect of the crime is that the vandalism was not concentrated in one location nor did it seem purposeful or targeted at a specific group of people.

"Various students and staff members reported that they had noticed certain vehicles had been damaged. ... We searched all the parking lots and then

contacted the owners of the vandalized vehicles," Atwood said.

The vandalized vehicles were found in various locations around campus, with one car in Lot No. 1, two in Lot No. 2, two in Lot No. 3, one at Kappa Alpha Theta and three at Beta Theta Pi.

Some of the students discovered their damaged cars before being contacted by VUPD. Senior Brooke Van Dusen found his at Beta when returning from the library at 5:30 a.m.

"I saw that the windshield of my car had been smashed. ... It looked like someone had kicked it in," he said. "At first, I thought it was something personal but then I realized it had happened to other cars, as well."

Senior Jennie Todd, another victim of the vandalism, said she didn't think there was a motive behind the selection of cars.

"It seemed like my car had just been really randomly selected. ... I think it was because it was facing the street

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At 90, Vanderbilt nurse is still caring for patients

by EVAN GARLOCK
Contributing Reporter

When Orvan Thompson needed \$6 to take the exams necessary to continue his education, his father wouldn't help. He didn't want Thompson to leave the family farm to go to school. But Thompson decided to find a way to make it happen anyway.

"Dad was so stingy, I needed \$6 more to take the exams. They never gave me the money, and on the day of the exam I had to hitchhike 80 miles and Dad was so mad. He finally gave me the \$6 and told me that was the last time he would spend any money on my education. After I took the exams, I didn't return home," Thompson said.

Thompson went on to complete college and



ORVAN THOMPSON

became a nurse, and at 90 years old, he is the oldest member of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center staff.

Born in 1918 on a wheat and cattle ranch in Canada, Thompson recalled countless days of hard work with his two brothers and three sisters. Even from a young age, he said he understood the importance of "hard work, dependability and being on time," three crucial qualities that he said every nurse or sitter should embody.

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Hanson takes the walk



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Taylor Hanson speaks to about 200 people on Tuesday afternoon during a mile-long walk to raise awareness of poverty in Africa. See page 3 for more.

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SATURDAY



HIGH **59**, LOW **44**
Rain

SUNDAY



HIGH **63**, LOW **43**
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CORRECTION

In the Oct. 26 edition, a statistic in the "Work Hard/Party Hard" feature was incorrectly reported. The survey results indicated that 51.4% of upperclassmen said the on-campus party scene was larger their freshman year, not that it is larger now, as it was reported. The Hustler regrets this error.

AROUND THE LOOP

Around the Loop: What do you think should be added on the third floor of The Commons Center?

"A restaurant like The Pub."
—Michael Paster, 2013

"Tanning beds. Or a candy store."
—Caroline Williams, 2013

"A beauty salon."
Malaya Walker, 2013

"Starbucks."
—Annie Ameha, 2013

"A basketball court, if they could fit in up there, a bowling alley or maybe some private rooms."
—Kevin Moon, 2013

CRIME LOG

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 6:51 a.m. — A vehicle was pulled over for failure to yield at 25th Avenue North and Elliston Place. Driver had strong odor of alcohol and performed poorly on sobriety tests.

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5:30 a.m. — A passenger in vehicle on Edgehill Place had a switchblade knife.

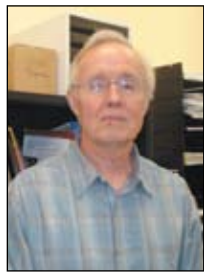
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 1:20 a.m. — Five intoxicated persons caused a disturbance around The Commons. One of them gave an officer his drugs and paraphernalia.

Monday, Oct. 26, 11:45 p.m. — A vehicle ran a red light on 21st Ave South. Driver had small amount of drugs in console.

Monday, Oct. 26, 12:45 p.m. — Two persons were involved in a fight in West Hall Circle.

Wednesday, Oct. 21, 10:50 p.m. — An interior door was found ajar and the lock damaged in Mayfield apartments.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT



Robert Innes
Department of Human and Organizational Development
39 years at Vanderbilt

- 1. What classes do you teach?**
HOD 1200: Understanding Organizations, HOD 1000: Applied Human Development and various seminars.
- 2. What's your favorite place in Nashville?**
I'd have to say a tie between the Bluebird Cafe and the Schermerhorn Symphony Center. The Bluebird Cafe is like the church of songwriters, and the Schermerhorn Center is where the Nashville Symphony plays.
- 3. What do you like to do in your free time?**
I do lots of exercise. I like to run. I also like to travel, talk to my wife and go to the movies a lot.
- 4. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?**
I went to Michigan State University for undergrad, and I got my doctorate from University of Michigan.
- 5. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?**
Books. Probably Proust because a long book would take a long time to read. Depending on how big the island was I'd bring my running shoes, but I wouldn't want to get lost. And I'd bring my wife.
- 6. What was your first job?**
My first job after college was a fifth grade teacher.
- 7. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**
Maybe Simone D'Beauvoir. She was Sarte's partner and an author herself. Sarte was grumpy, so I'd rather have dinner with her.
- 8. Why did you decide to become a professor?**
I was focused on the teaching part of it. I also have a lot of professors in my family.
- 9. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
To actually read the books you're supposed to read. Or maybe my grandson had better advice. He said, "I'm not really that smart, I just pay attention to the teacher and do what she says." So pay attention to your teachers and do what they say.
- 10. What's something that your students don't know about you?**
My students know a lot about me, probably more than they want to know because we talk a lot about ourselves in my classes. They might not know I'm a songwriter.
- 11. What's the biggest challenge you've faced in your teaching career?**
Generating meaningful discussions. Part of the reason why that is a challenge is because I talk too much.
- 12. How have you seen Vanderbilt change since you've been here?**
When I first started, Peabody wasn't officially a part of Vanderbilt. Peabody has changed a lot in rising up the ladder in schools of education to where it is now as the top ranked education school in the country. As for Vanderbilt as a whole, the most important change has been an increase in diversity of the student body. It was mainly from a Southern school when I got here, but now there are more people from the Northeast and Midwest. It's more religiously diverse now, as well.

CALENDAR

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

• VSG presents "The Hangover"

There will be two free showings of The Hangover at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema. Complimentary popcorn, candy and drinks will be provided. Commodore Card is needed for entry into the cinema.

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

• VU Football vs. Georgia Tech

Come support the Vanderbilt Commodores against the Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets in the Vanderbilt Stadium. Kickoff is 6:30 p.m. Officials are encouraging Commodore fans to arrive early for Halloween-related pregame activities.

SUNDAY, NOV. 1

• Kick it with STAND

STAND will host the second Kick it with STAND event, where the men's soccer team will play Nashville's Sudanese team, Nile Hawk, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. on the Sports Club Field. The event will include a soccer match, food and artwork from the Lost Boys. Tickets will be \$5, and proceeds will benefit the Lost Boys Foundation of Nashville.

• Blair presents Vanderbilt University Concert Choir

At 2 p.m. in Ingram Hall, the oldest performing group on campus will perform choral works of all genres directed by David Binns Williams.

SNAPSHOT

Fall frenzy



MARGARET FENTON / VSC Media Services

Grounds department workers Michael Newson, left, and Harold Thompson use leaf blowers to clear sidewalks surrounding Olin Hall on Thursday afternoon.

GREEK CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

The IFC, NPHC, and Panhellenic Councils would like to congratulate the follow members of the Greek community, who demonstrate the high ideals of Greek Life and their respective organizations:

The first recipient, Jason Horowitz, is the president of Sigma Nu and considers Jason Horowitz thinks of his position a privilege. His role as president helps him to understand better than many the ins and outs of what is Greek Life at Vanderbilt. Above all others, he has realized the chief goal of joining these organizations - to promote excellence in ALL that Greeks do. Too often are chapters, and fraternities in particular, characterized as merely places for socializing. Ignoring for a moment the common retorts of higher-than-average GPAs and community service, fraternities have the distinct advantage of teaching undergraduates the lessons of fraternal love, brotherhood, and respect, and it is values like these that I attempt to champion, both within as well as outside of the walls of Sigma Nu. To learn to function successfully as a citizen of society, AND to live well, is a value found not only in many Greek mission statements but also in the Vanderbilt Community Creed. According to Jason, "I believe wholeheartedly that a Greek House is the best venue for this type of socialization and am proud to be part of the Greek Community at Vanderbilt, an institution that I hope will be in place for at least another hundred years." Other than Sigma Nu, Jason is involved with the Sociology Majors and Minors Association (SMMMA), Every 2 Minutes, and Dance Marathon.



Meredith McKenny is recognized as an outstanding citizen of the Greek community due to her commitment to the Greater Nashville area. For the past 3 years, Meredith has volunteered at the Sudanese Community and Women's Services Center. She serves as the Volunteer Coordinator for the center; recruiting and communicate with all volunteers, and filling all volunteer positions are filled for the Youth Program, Citizenship class, Computer class,

ESL, and childcare. She also organizes the Sudanese Youth Soccer Program by registering kids with Synergy soccer league, and getting them to and from practices and games. In addition to coordinating these efforts, she also gets her "hands dirty" by tutoring citizenship students, helping with the Youth Program at the center, and working to get Vandy students involved. Meredith has been grateful for her membership in Kappa Alpha Theta, and the tremendous support she receives from her sisters.

The third Citizen of the Month, TaCara Harris currently serves the Greek Community as the President of the Eta Beta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. However, her service to Vanderbilt doesn't stop at her own sorority chapter. Academically, TaCara has received honors through the Chancellor's Scholars program and by being on the Dean's List every semester since she began her college career. She volunteers as a tutor for the Athletic department, and served as a research assistant for the Voices from Our America Project. On campus, you may find TaCara on The Commons, where she serves as the Head resident for Hank Ingram House, or singing in the Voices of Praise gospel choir. Her perspective is represented within the Black Student Alliance, the Women's & Gender Studies Steering Committee, and on the University Alcohol Education and Social Responsibility Committee. Most recently, TaCara was named one of the Top 10 Finalists for Outstanding Senior.



Also nominated this month were: Heather Lillemoe of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Jean Luan of Delta Gamma.

OCTOBER

Walking the extra mile

Hanson unites fans in Nashville to support charitable work in Africa.

by SARA GAST
News Editor

A little rain wasn't going to stop Mandy West and Kayla Chapman from "taking the walk" with Hanson.

Not when they'd driven 408 miles from Mountain Home, Ark., to see the trio for the first time.

"This is an awesome walk. Totally worth it," West said. "My feet are bleeding, but that's fine."

West and Chapman joined a couple hundred other Hanson fans on Tuesday afternoon for a drizzly walk down Blakemore Avenue that started at Belmont University and ended at the Vanderbilt Bookstore.

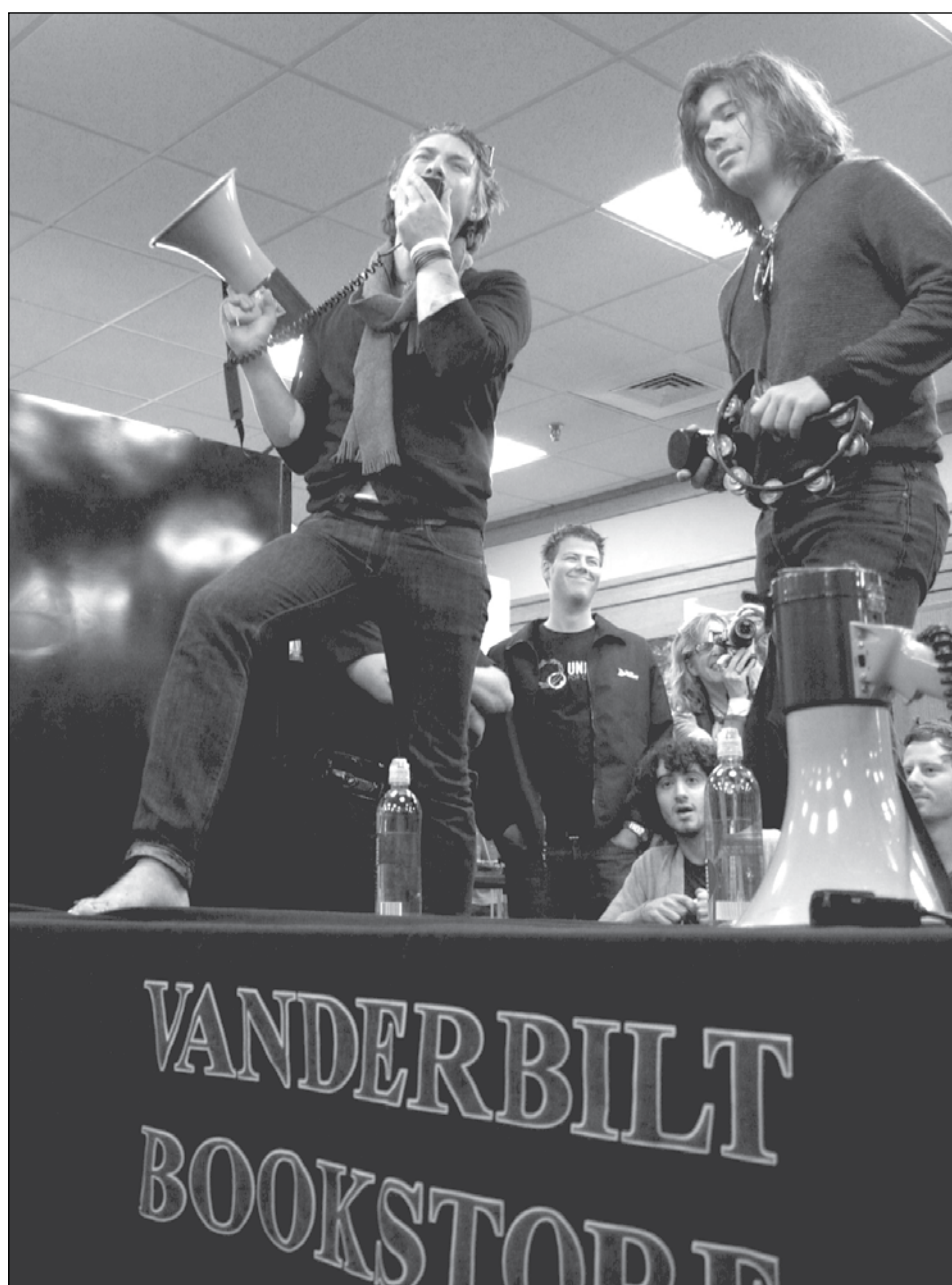
The one-mile journey was part of the boy band's "Take the Walk" tour, which began in Nashville on Sept. 10, 2007 when the group was in town for a concert at Wildhorse Saloon. Hanson has gone from city to city promoting a mile-long barefoot walk that aims to raise awareness and support for various groups who fight poverty and HIV/AIDS in Africa, among other philanthropic work.

For every registered walker, the Take the Walk foundation donates \$1 to one of Hanson's partner charities, including Toms Shoes and Blood: Water Mission. According to the foundation's Web site, about 34,032 miles have been logged so far.

Most of the walkers paraded barefoot through Hillsboro Village, with wet leaves and dirt taking the place of shoes and socks. By the time the group made it to 25th Avenue and Children's Place — where the road becomes covered with gravel by the soon-to-be-constructed parking garage — Belmont student Tim Reitmouer said he couldn't even feel his feet.

Taylor Hanson referred to the work being done in Africa with the money the tour has raised, including building schools, drilling clean-water wells and giving hundreds of women HIV medication, and he said he has hope that this generation will continue to do good.

"These are things that are being done because we walk in the rain — real things," he said. "We are people who ask for accountability. We see friends and peers struggling and we say, 'You know what, I have an hour, a dollar, an idea.' Ideas,



Taylor, left, and Zac Hanson congratulate and thank the walkers after a one-mile barefoot trek from Belmont to Vanderbilt. Afterward, the three brothers played "Great Divide" for the fans who gathered in the bookstore.



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passion, those are the tools we have to change the world."

Many of the participants were enthusiastic about the philanthropic work Hanson is doing and of the group's journey from 1997's "MMMBop."

"I think it's a cool idea to reconnect fans for a cause," said Belmont student Josh Blackburn. "I've noticed most people here were fans in third and fourth grade, and it's cool they're reconnecting."

It was Vanderbilt sophomore Lynne Moody's fourth time to "take the walk" with Hanson, having also walked in Tulsa, Okla., Birmingham, Ala., and the previous one in Nashville.

"(The philanthropy is) a great direction for them, and their music is better than ever," Moody said.

Nashville resident Cirbey Derricle saw the kickoff show in Nashville three years ago. She said Tuesday's walk, which she took off work to participate in, was worth it for her.

"It hasn't been that bad," she said near the end. "Knowing what African children are going through, this is nothing." ■

THOMPSON: Army service and schooling readied him for VUMC

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Thompson said he remembers his first encounter with nursing occurred in his third year of high school.

"Toward the middle of the year, a registered nurse joined the faculty and she taught subjects like home nursing, home aid and anatomy. I took extra subjects with her and got enough credits to graduate in three years." Although he did not graduate high school, Thompson earned enough credits in time to take the Canadian Provincial exams, a test similar to the U.S. GED test.

After completing the exams, Thompson began working for a lumber truck company in West Edmonson. At the lumberyard he found an ad for Madison College in Reader's Digest magazines, applied and was accepted. Located just a few minutes from Nashville, Madison College focused on degrees in industry, teaching, health care and agriculture.

College not only prepared Thompson for his nursing career, but also led him to meet his classmate and future wife, Evelyn. Before their wedding in 1943, however, Thompson was drafted into the army in the summer of 1942.

"The Army grabbed me right after schooling and I spent three or four years serving as a medic. I wasn't overseas, but was stationed all over the U.S. Having a couple years of nursing training, they put me right to work. It was good service and I enjoyed it."

After finishing his duties with the Army, Thompson and his wife had four children. Thompson decided to put his nursing career on hold and began working for a photographer. It wasn't until after his children finished their schooling that he returned to the nursing and home care world. In 1991 Thompson joined the Vanderbilt University Medical Center team.

At VUMC, Thompson works two to four days a week for eight-hour shifts with people who have a variety of illnesses.

"I've been with children, people in car wrecks, suicidal patients, you name it. I mostly just keep them company and try to help those who are confused and scared. You meet all types of people here and you never know what you're getting into."

While his future career plans at VUMC are still unclear, it is only a few days until Thompson's 91st birthday blowout in November.

"My wife wants me to quit because my birthday is coming soon. So I'm not going to work too much longer, but it's something to do and it keeps me busy," he said. ■

SECURITY: VUPD detectives 'hard at work' on case

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... (so) the positioning of my car made it easier to smash in the windshield maybe," Todd said.

Atwood said as soon as VUPD first received notice of the incident, one of the department's detectives was called in to assist in gathering evidence.

Senior Owen Remeika, whose windshield was also damaged, said the detective was trying to identify a link between the different cases, using magnet strip and iron filing powder to get shoe prints and identify a pattern.

"It appeared as though all the cars had been vandalized in the same way," Remeika said.

Once the investigation was underway, VUPD filed reports with both Vanderbilt police and the metro police.

While the investigation is still ongoing and no suspect has yet been confirmed, Atwood said progress is still being made.

"We have at least two possible suspects who were caught on an area camera," he said. "There are certain things the detectives just aren't putting out at this moment, that I don't have

access to ... but as far as I know, the investigation team is hard at work trying to identify who did this."

After the experience, Todd said she is no longer comfortable with having her car on campus.

"I am genuinely afraid to park my car again ... but I figure there is nothing I can do about it, so I just have to be brave and carry on," Todd said.

Other students do not seem to be as fearful. Remeika said the incident was more of an annoyance than anything.

"I don't think I have as strong of a reaction as most people ... I don't really have any reservations about parking on campus in the future," he said. "In fact I think because of the incident, the police department will be more vigilant."

Atwood said VUPD is doing everything in its power to help victims recover and feel safe.

"If any student has any additional information that he/she thinks may in any way be helpful to add to the investigation or sees anything suspicious please do not hesitate to give us a call," he said. ■

Kissam Karnival

Sophomores April Phillely and Jessica Rutsky threaten to paint each other while instead of their pumpkins at the Kissam Karnival on Thursday afternoon.



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Juniors settle into off-campus housing

by SARAH BILSKY
Staff Reporter

Normally at this time of year, many juniors are still basking in the pleasure of having their own kitchen or living room. But this year, some juniors are finding themselves settling into off-campus apartments.

Usually the privilege of off-campus housing is reserved for seniors, but the Office of Housing and Residential Education granted 117 juniors off-campus housing for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Juniors received an e-mail in May inviting them to apply for off-campus housing, and 254 took the opportunity to do so. Around half were granted off-campus privileges.

Director of Housing and Residential Education Jason Jakubowski said the decision to grant juniors off-campus housing was a response to the low number of seniors applying for off-campus authorization.

"The number of seniors interested in living off campus was less than the number of students we did not have room for. ... We turned to juniors to make up the gap."

Junior Maggie Shanley said she applied to live off campus as a junior because she thought that it was a better option than the housing she was assigned to.

"I was supposed to live in Lupton," Shanley said. "... I thought that (living off-

campus) would be a much better idea because it allows a lot more freedom in terms of meal plan, and also we have so much more room and more options."

Junior Anna Ross cited similar reasons.

"I thought it would be much more comfortable living off campus than living in Kissam," Ross said. "I like having all the room and having a kitchen and not having a meal plan. I get more freedom this way; I can have my car here and I don't have to pay for parking."

Ross also said she had financial considerations in mind.

"Sharing rent with someone else is still a lot less expensive than living on campus," she said.

Junior Will Colmer applied for off-campus housing but did not receive it. Colmer said although he was initially disappointed, he is happy living on campus.

"I think it worked out better that we didn't get off-campus housing because now we are close to all of our classes, and we don't have to find a place to live," Colmer said. "... Also, our housing turned out to be better than we expected."

Shanley said she was worried about being away from campus, but said so far she has not felt a disconnect from the community.

"I think it's easy when you live off campus to be disconnected if you let yourself, but if you make an effort to stay present on

campus, ... especially if you have classes all during the day, it's very possible to stay present," Shanley said.

After a couple months, both Shanley and Ross said they think their off-campus experience has been a positive one.

"I really enjoy living off campus because you have the independence of having your own apartment, you actually have the responsibility of paying bills and getting exposure to more 'real life' aspects of college that I feel like Vanderbilt doesn't normally allow us to have exposure to," Shanley said.

Despite the increase in the number of juniors living off campus, Jakubowski does not think this reflects a trend toward off-campus living for Vanderbilt students.

"As we developed The Commons, Vanderbilt increased the percentage of students living on campus from less than 83 percent in 2005 to 90 percent this fall," Jakubowski said.

Jakubowski said he is unsure if the trend of allowing juniors to live off campus will continue.

"With our current housing capacity, it will depend each year on the number of rising seniors interested in living off campus," he said. "Their interest seems to fluctuate from year to year. If their interest does not exhaust the number of authorizations available, we will again turn to rising juniors." ■

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GDP growth rate won't get you a job in May



KATHERINE MILLER
Columnist

Last fall, in the desperate throes of campaign misery, Republicans marched around like little Elephanteers in bowties and shortpants, insisting that a recession required two consecutive quarters of downturned gross domestic product. Democrats were unimpressed by our slavish devotion to Investopedia.

Well, hooray, now it's our turn to call bullshit.

As widely reported, the Commerce Department said yesterday the economy grew at a 3.5 percent annual rate in the first estimate of third-quarter GDP, the fastest pace since the third quarter of 2007. The growth, however, is short-term, like going to rehab for cocaine addiction and then getting dropped off in Manhattan with \$500 cash.

To quote economist Megan McArdle: "GDP is at best a proxy for our well-being, not a direct measure of it." GDP tells us literally just that: how many things we've made and how many services we've performed — not their value or efficacy. But here we are, like the factory workers in the Emerald City, singing about the end to the recession, ignoring the value and efficacy of the spending that struck up the band.

The U.S. government borrowed heavily from abroad to finance, among other things, the economic stimulus package. That money had to show up eventually in the GDP, and so it has. Two elements of the stimulus package — cash-for-clunkers and the home-buyer tax credit — drove our GDP rate increase; one program's already been withdrawn, the other's set to expire soon and neither can be considered anything but expensive

gimmicks irrelevant to business growth

According to automotive information firm Edmunds, the government spent \$24,000 to generate each sale of a new car bought through the cash-for-clunkers program this summer. For comparison, the average price for a new vehicle in August 2009 was \$26,915, minus an average cash rebate of \$1,667. The group concluded that most people who bought cars through the program would have bought them regardless. This is the basis of our third-quarter growth in large part: Cars people would have bought anyway, paid for by all of us — well, or the Chinese.

Thus far, the \$787-billion stimulus has saved or created a blood-tingling total of 25,000 jobs (President Barack Obama promises that total will become 3.5 million by the end of 2010).

So, rack them up, all the third quarter numbers: Business investment fell at a 2.5 percent pace, investment in nonresidential structures dropped 9 percent, consumer confidence dropped a thrilling 5.7 points to 47.7 (about half the score indicative of a strong economy), disposable income fell 3.4 percent, unemployment continues to flirt with 10 percent. The economy, like Vanderbilt football, continues to be objectively bad.

Perhaps, however, this is the abyss, the true bottoming out of the economy, and it can get better from here. Maybe we can Batcable out of the whole thing and all have jobs in May. One thing's clear, however. This is Obama's economy and his choice: short-term cotton candy growth or the real thing.

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How Cliff Lee defeated Sex Magic

BY KATHERINE MILLER

Despite my earnest prayers that the Phillies be swept so decisively that Jason Werth's awful facial hair fall off his face in shame (for great is my hate for Philadelphia as a Redskins victim and Braves fan), Cliff Lee dominated, DOM-AH-NAY-TED Wednesday night. He even defeated Sex Magic.

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A new hope for DoE

BY THOMAS SHATTUCK

According to a recent New York Times article, the Department of Energy will change up their research strategy, adding a new focus on radical or bold technologies. Furthermore, the Energy Secretary Steven Chu implied the projects could be at any stage and still receive funding, citing examples such as gas producing bacteria as well as other far-fetched concepts.

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Health care: Survival of the cutest



KATIE DES PREZ
Columnist

We all know the current health care debate is a hot mess. Health care reform's passage at this point could pretty much come down to how a few select lawmakers are feeling when it comes to a vote — whether they're having a good hair day, if they ate a tasty lunch, etc. (I'm talking about

you, Olympia Snowe.) If only Tim Gunn could come in and tell Congress to just make it work. Alas, Congress has no such guidance. Instead, our representatives and senators are madly tacking on and cutting out amendments, like sequins on a mini-dress gone bad, to please the most capricious of their colleagues. Our Washingtonians just can't resist the opportunity to be mysterious. Will they

go for the public option or won't they? Enough with the fickleness, Congress.

The legislators have had their run at it, and now we need to think of a new solution to the health insurance problem. My proposed answer is what I like to call "survival of the cutest," inspired by the recent advent of health insurance for pets. At first this idea of covering animals struck me as a bit bizarre, especially because I know someone who doesn't have health coverage for herself but does insure her cat, because he's adorable. The same principle supports the decision of a couple who told their story on NPR's "Planet Money" podcast. They have insurance for their hedgehog, Harriett, because when she curls into a little ball and sticks her quills out it's delightful despite being a little dangerous. Harriett is currently on anti-

psychotics, which I thought sounded like the perfect solution for her owners. After a conversation with my friend the future cat lady, however, I realized there might be something to the whole insure-the-cutest thing.

"Hey, crazy lady, how did you figure that one?" I asked her. Her answer more or less boiled down to the fact that she covers her cat because he's so darn cute and has fuzzy orange fur. I told her she's pretty cute, too, and that I like her red hair. Would she get health insurance because I think she's almost as adorable as her cat? "It's not the same thing," she told me.

Well, that's true. But if a human version of insurance for the cutest will cover at-risk people like my cat-crazy friend, who needs health insurance but who opts out despite having to go through costly emergency procedures every so

often, I'm all for it. It's not like we're moving forward in leaps and bounds on the health insurance reform front, anyway. We might as well throw another outlandish amendment in there. Those of us who aren't as cute have to work harder to look good, so we're probably already healthier from trying to exercise ourselves into svelte-ness. Sure, some people might experience the occasional harsh rejection from insurance companies ("I'm sorry, you have a pre-existing condition called ugly"), but they can tough it out. This policy might be a problem for some of the senators, though. I'm not too worried about Olympia, but who knows how John Kerry will do.

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\$140,000 kiss puts new perspective on values



JESSE JONES
Columnist

On Monday, actress Charlize Theron gave the tabloids — and Hustler columnists — something to talk about. To the audience of a charity auction in San Francisco, Theron was hawking a pair of tickets to see the World Cup, a safari and a meeting with former South African president Nelson Mandela. However, the bidding for this holiday package stalled at a mere \$37,000. Not to be outdone by actor Jeremy Pivon, who raised \$280,000 by auctioning a walk-on role to his hit TV show "Entourage," Theron raised the stakes by offering a kiss. Her gesture immediately sent the bidding up to \$130,000, but the winner was a mysterious blonde woman, bidding \$140,000 and taking center stage and the prize of a 20-second kiss with Theron.

We could laugh off this episode as yet another meaningless manifestation

of our celebrity-mad culture. But as a person given to finding significance in everyday occurrences, who also happens to have a good 300 words worth of space to fill, I intend to turn it into a "teachable moment" on the task of quantifying subjective values.

Sit in a room with a philosophy professor for long enough, and the topic will eventually turn to values. After all, we all like to believe our lives have meaning, but what gives it this significance? How can we achieve "the good life" if we don't even know what we want out of life? As humans, we all share some pretty basic values — friendship, love, experiences — but each person also has his or her own unique set of values. Pre-meds, future investment-bankers and spoiled brats notwithstanding, not all of us will have the means to buy our way into satisfaction, so we'll need to look inward to determine our values rather than conveniently analyzing our end-of-the-

month credit card statement.

A couple weeks ago, as a personal exercise, I decided to determine what in my life I really valued. I opened up an Excel spreadsheet and entered in everyone and everything of significance in my life, then assigned each an arbitrary point value. I organized the data into columns based on broad categories: friends, teachers, activities, books, etc. When all the tallies were made, my results were surprising. My friends column totaled 2,700, while music totaled a mere 630 and teachers and activities each totaled in the 500s. This exercise led me into some serious moral dilemmas. If both were trapped in a burning building and I could only save one, would I choose to save one of my better acquaintances, or 1984 and last year's ASB trip? The implications for my future behavior are also unexpected; apparently I should give up reading and focus on my friends. This exercise is only

for the brave of heart, but I recommend it to anyone who is curious.

A recent poll from Bank of America Student Banking found that only 29 percent of Americans 16 to 21 years old would take \$10,000 to break up with their boyfriend/girlfriend. This confirms that America is full of rich parents and hopeless romantics, but it remains an open question what we would be willing to take for a covert, one-night fling. After all, Theron excused her random act of charity by saying, "My boyfriend is not here tonight." Moral of the story? Ladies and gentlemen, don't date actors, keep your partners on a tight leash and get your priorities straight. Friends and lovers will come and go, but only you can decide if your values are as superficial as a \$140,000 kiss.

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A long wait for change



SOO YANG
Columnist

Matthew Shepard was an ordinary college student from a small town in Wyoming. He had a loving family, supportive friends and a genuine passion for political science. Unlike others who chose the easy path, he came out of the closet at the tender age of 18. At that time, there was no Ellen Degeneres or "Brokeback Mountain." In fact, it was 10 years before the Supreme Court actually decriminalized homosexuality. His mind was probably desensitized to words like "faggot" and his resolve somehow strengthened by all the adversity he faced in his brief time in this world.

On Oct. 6, 1998, at the age of 21, he was attacked and later killed because he was gay. After robbing Shepard, his attackers tied him on a fence in a deserted ranch. They proceeded to torture, taunt and beat him, leaving him unconscious and unrecognizable. A day later, a cyclist noticed something that looked like a scarecrow with a red-painted face hanging on a ranch fence. After closer observation, he realized it was a person, not just a bundle of sticks. According to the cyclist, the only areas on Shepard's face that were not covered in blood were those where his tears had washed the bloodstains away.

After his tragic death, his mother, Judy Shepard, became the main advocate for a bill that would make attack based on sexual orientation a hate crime at the federal level. She faced many challenges including a cowardly accusation from an ill-informed Congressman who called the murder a hoax. Last Wednesday, her work and that of others came to fruition as President Obama signed the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act into law. Most prominently, this new legislation finally expands existing federal hate crime protections to outlaw attacks based on perceived gender, sexual orientation, gender

identity or disability. Although a few liberal states have taken up this issue independently, this new national policy has the strongest and the most inclusive language for a hate crime bill.

As a gay American, I have more than just emotions and feelings when looking back at this extended story of tragedy and hope. It makes me ask why it took 11 years after Shepard's death for this country to see anti-gay attacks as a hate crime. What's worse is that violence based on sexual orientation makes up a significant portion of hate crimes in this country. According to FBI data collected since 1991, 14 percent of all hate crimes were motivated by sexual orientation compared to 17 percent that were of religious bias and 14 percent of ethnicity bias. Last year alone, there were about 250 attacks of sexual orientation bias that resulted in either death or serious injuries.

In retrospect, the passage of this bill represents the first major civil rights legislation for those of LGBT community and Americans who still believe in equality. Surely, this is a moment to celebrate but also one to reflect. In short, there is no excuse for why it took so long for our country to pass this bill. At this rate, other major civil rights policies will be delayed unnecessarily, and basic rights will be denied to millions of Americans for no good reason. We understand progress can be slow. We realize bureaucratic processes, democratic mechanisms, and social changes all take time. But, we also know that discrimination cannot be part of our political system forever when our own country was founded under the principle that all men are created equal. The movement toward full freedom in this country is timeless and enduring. Equality cannot wait. We cannot wait.

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THE RANT



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"Hey, HOD students, I think it's great that you're taking A&S classes, but can you leave your coloring in your room? It's distracting in class."

"The latest edition of The Hustler should be taken to be a violation of Vanderbilt Community Creed and all of its writers and editors must be removed for their posts immediately. It is a known fact that Vanderbilt has gone socially downhill, as per the administrations efforts, and such an edition of lies should not be tolerated."

"Dear freshman sitting next to me in Stevenson Library: Watching TV episodes in the library and laughing aloud is obnoxious. Please go 'study' chemistry elsewhere. Thanks."

"Ex-boyfriend: Quit trying to get with my friends. Everyone knows if we were really done, you would just man up and quit talking to me."

Better school not a bad thing



ALLENA BERRY
Guest Columnist

It appears that with Monday's edition of The Hustler, Vanderbilt has reached new heights of self-absorption. Amidst health care debates, global crises and a recovering economy (or worsening, dependent upon whom you ask), an issue about our beloved bubble gets the most discussion. (And kudos for us, because if we don't care about what stereotype we will project next, who will?) I saw more issues in hands walking to Sarratt than I had seen on any other Monday morning. Naturally, I had to check it out. It seems like the campus feels the party scene has died down, that we are losing some of our "work hard, play hard" mentality. I immediately asked the question, however: Is that such a bad thing?

Much better, I thought to myself, to be a renowned academic school than a mediocre academic AND party school. Trust me, friends, Vanderbilt would have to step up its game immensely to even pale in comparison to some of the bigger schools (which is unlikely to happen due to the fact that most of our partying occurs right on campus). Perhaps I am biased in this regard because I come from a state

where beer (and cheese) is a birth rite. A Saturday night house party in my junior year was crazier than anything I have seen thus far on frat row.

Now before you all get upset, please realize I am not advocating against all social activities whatsoever — a robust social calendar makes us all feel good. But at the risk of sounding pretentious (which Vandy students are better at than partying or studying), no one pays this absurd tuition to go to a school known for anything other than academics. If you wanted to drop \$50 grand purely on a robust social calendar, you should've just skipped college altogether, got an apartment in NYC and done it up right every night.

Maybe Vandy is changing. Who am I to comment on that issue — I've barely been here a year and a half. But if we're complaining about the fact that we're getting more serious about academics, then I suggest we take a look around, see that we are experiencing what very few have (or will) experience, and cozy up with that textbook. And read a Hustler when it gives more than official-looking statistics about your "epic" weekend.

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Sports

'We know all the implications'

Kentucky final roadblock for SEC Tournament

by MEGHAN ROSE
Asst Sports Editor

Throughout the regular season, the Commodore women's soccer players have made it a point not to get ahead of themselves.

Focusing on one game at a time, Vanderbilt (10-7-1, 4-6 Southeastern Conference) now finds itself one win or tie away from a guaranteed SEC tournament berth — its first since 2006.

It will have to be against Kentucky (5-9-4, 2-7-1) in the final game of the regular season Friday night at the VU Soccer Complex.

A successful outing against the Wildcats will propel Vanderbilt into postseason play in Orange Beach, Ala., the middle of next week.

The Commodores' three straight victories against Alabama, Mississippi State and Ole Miss have helped them into contention. Prior to that streak, Vanderbilt had dropped six of its last seven games, all against fellow SEC teams.

Despite the mid-season skid, the Commodores were able to refocus their play when it mattered, overcoming the prospect of another unsuccessful season of conference play.

"Frustration most definitely set in for the team — any time you go on a bit of a losing skid, frustration comes in, doubt comes in and stress comes in, so you put yourself in a corner," said coach Ronnie Woodard. "As a coaching staff, we had to come together and figure out how we were going to get this team to maintain, keep coming to practice and keep striving to keep playing."

Finishing became the team's top priority. Led by juniors Molly and Megan Kinsella, as well as senior Megan Forester and redshirt junior Nicole Lukens, they focus on taking advantage of opportunities when they present themselves on the field.

"What we tried to do is focus on the process that leads to winning," Woodard said. "If we took care of our tiny goals which would be so many shots per game, so many corners per game, so many shutouts, and took care of the standards that we set, we knew the result would come."



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Molly Kinsella said Vanderbilt's three-game winning streak has stemmed from the team taking the season one day at a time.

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The Commodores need a win or tie against the Wildcats to guarantee they play in the postseason for the first time since 2006.

Vanderbilt seniors Lindsay Rattermann and Megan Forester will be honored before the game at Senior Day festivities.

After qualifying for the SEC Tournament in 2006, Vanderbilt suffered a tough loss to South Carolina in the first round. Forester and Lukens were the only two Commodores currently on the roster to see action that year.

"It's something new, something to look forward to," said Molly Kinsella. "We don't really have any expectations but we hope to do really well." ■

Shutout streak has Vanderbilt rolling

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

There aren't too many certainties in soccer, or in life for that matter, but holding an opponent scoreless tends to result in victory.

And so long as Rachel Bachtel keeps on her recent stellar play as Vanderbilt's goalkeeper, the Commodores are going to keep being a winning team.

Bachtel, a junior, earned Southeastern Conference Defensive Player of the Week honors on Monday after recording shutouts against Mississippi State on Oct. 22 and then-No. 17 Ole Miss on Oct. 25 to give Vanderbilt a three-game winning streak in conference play, its longest in four years, heading into today's regular season finale against Kentucky.

"Rachel's done great," said Vanderbilt coach Ronnie Woodard. "She's got a three-game win streak in goal for us with three straight shutouts. We're hoping that she extends that."

She had six saves in the 3-0 win over the Bulldogs and another four in a nail-biting 1-0 win over the Rebels, all the more important given that the Commodores are fighting for a spot in the SEC Tournament in Orange Beach, Ala., next week. A win or tie against the Wildcats ensures them a spot.

"We're really excited because our team goal all year is to get to Orange Beach and so we're one step closer," Bachtel said.

The Commodores have been a different team since a 3-0 loss Oct. 16 at Auburn, the last time Bachtel allowed a goal. Mired at 1-6 in conference play and 7-7-1 overall after that defeat, the prospects of reaching the postseason for the first time since 2006 looked grim.

A touching up on defensive schemes that has maximized Vanderbilt's abilities has been a big difference.

"We've worked out corner kicks and set pieces, and we've really organized our backline so balls can't get in behind," Bachtel said. "I sit more in on my line because shot-stopping is one of my strengths, so we play to my strengths and play to our defenses' strengths, and it seems to be working out."



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Goalkeeper Rachel Bachtel has been a wall in the net for Vanderbilt lately, recording three straight shutouts against SEC competition.

It certainly does, as Vanderbilt has not allowed a goal in almost 300 minutes of action since its last defeat.

Redshirt freshman Kate Goldin and sophomore Emily Grant have taken on starting roles on defense since the winning streak began and have been difference-makers on both sides of the ball, helping to shut away opposing offensive attacks and also scoring game-winning goals.

"Everyone's really stepped up," Bachtel said. "Kate Goldin's been playing back there for us, and she came off of a knee injury. And she's stepped in these last few games and done awesome on the right side."

One more shutout by Bachtel and the rest of the defense, who have nine on the season, and the Commodores will be playing in the eight-team SEC Tournament next week in Orange Beach.

"Friday's game is going to be a big one and we hope that defensively we can bat down the hatches and help her," Woodard said. "When you've got something to play for it's always fun. We're playing for an 11th win and we're playing for an outright bid to the SEC tournament. So we know all the implications." ■

Norman storms into Commodore history

by ERIC SINGLE
Sports Reporter

On his first one three weeks ago, he met the coverage team near midfield after breaking an arm-tackle, bounced outside of a crowd of tacklers and beat the kicker to the edge, breaking free up the right sideline for 76 yards and the only Vanderbilt touchdown of the game.

On his second one last Saturday against South Carolina, he rocked back to his own goal line to field the kick, followed his blocking wedge straight up the middle, froze the kicker with a shoulder-fake at his own 30-yard line, and sprinted down the center of the field untouched for, once again, the only Vanderbilt touchdown of the game.

He became the first Commodore ever to have two kickoff touchdown returns in his career, and he managed to do it in a span of three games.

Add an SEC-best 1,260 all-purpose yards and a 58-yard touchdown run against Rice, and there is Warren Norman, the true freshman running back from Georgia who has wasted little time proving himself as Vanderbilt's next big play threat.

"He was a big playmaker in high school, and he shows a knack for making good cuts and cutting off of blocks real well," said head coach Bobby Johnson. "But nobody can anticipate two kickoff returns for touchdowns from a freshman."

And nobody could anticipate the way Norman and fellow freshman Zac Stacy stepped up during the season opener against Western Carolina to fill the hole left when redshirt senior Jared Hawkins was kept out with a foot injury. Norman finished with 105 yards and two touchdowns, earning significant playing time for himself as the Commodores entered their SEC schedule.

According to Norman, the experiences and advice offered by Hawkins and the coaching staff made a large contribution to his smooth adjustment to Division I football.

"They've been a big help making the transition and everything, and basically giving me a whole bunch of great advice about college football, SEC football, class, coaches and all that," Norman said.

This week, Norman may very well be called upon to match score-for-score a Georgia Tech offense that ranks second in the nation in rushing



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Warren Norman (27) celebrates after scoring a touchdown against Western Carolina on Sept. 5, one of three rushing scores he has this season.

yards per game. As the red zone offense continues to struggle, Norman's timely big plays have kept the Commodores within striking distance on the scoreboard on multiple occasions.

"I know as a group, or running backs coach, Coach (Des) Kitchings, he's always putting a lot of pressure on us ... but we step up to the challenge and try to do the best we can and score every time we get the football," Norman said.

With a difficult four-game docket to end the season, few can blame the Vanderbilt fans who look to Norman to deliver in critical moments against Georgia Tech, Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee. Whether they come from the running game or special teams play, Norman's biggest plays of the next four games will be those that bring the Commodores closer to the wins that have been so elusive this season. ■

Tech and Vandy couldn't be much more different

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Both their head coaches are named Johnson. Both of them sport gold as one of their colors.

The similarities pretty much end there for soaring Georgia Tech and reeling Vanderbilt, who meet Saturday for the first time in over six years.

The No. 11 Yellow Jackets and second-year head coach Paul Johnson have won five straight games and control their destiny in reaching a BCS bowl thanks to a superb triple option offense that has kept opposing defenses on the field and out of breath.

With the second-best running game in the nation at 292 yards per game, it's no small wonder that Georgia Tech (7-1, 5-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) leads the nation in time-of-possession at nearly 35 minutes a game.

"They're playing extremely well right now," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "I don't think I've seen as many big plays by an offense in a year than I have by them, so it's been very impressive."

Georgia Tech a-back Anthony Allen averages nearly 11 yards per carry, while b-back Jonathan Dwyer, the reigning ACC Player of the Year, leads the team with 718 rushing yards. Quarterback Josh Nesbitt isn't exactly a passing threat (the Yellow Jackets only have one receiver with more than four receptions), but he has scored 11 touchdowns in an offense that can either strike fast or wear teams down.

"Obviously they run the option and hold on to the ball for a long time," said redshirt senior offensive tackle Thomas Welch. "I think they had an 18-play drive against Virginia, something crazy like that."

The touchdown drive Welch was referencing lasted nearly 11 minutes to sink the Cavaliers.

That's not music to the ears of Vanderbilt (2-6, 0-5 Southeastern Conference), sitting in last place in the SEC East due to an offense that has been the antithesis of Georgia Tech's in the last month. The Commodores have scored just two offensive touchdowns and averaged 10 points during a four-game losing streak, matching their longest dry spell of last season.

Only this time there isn't a 5-0 start to rest on, and the Vanderbilt defense hasn't had any time to rest either.

The Commodore offense has only converted 33.3 percent of its third downs and has the fourth-worst time of possession average in the country at 26:42 per contest.



Vanderbilt vs. Georgia Tech

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The Yellow Jackets will look to extend a five-game winning streak Saturday night when they face the Commodores for the first time since a 24-17, overtime victory in Nashville in 2003.

Georgia Tech has an edge in the all-time series at 18-15-3 and hasn't lost to Vanderbilt since 1941.



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Vanderbilt's Bobby Johnson and Myron Lewis have a challenge ahead of them going against Paul Johnson and Georgia Tech's explosive triple option offense.

"We've got to score early and hold on to the ball as much as we can to help our defense out," Welch said. "It puts a little added pressure (on us) but we're up for the challenge."

Has the offense's consistent inconsistency been mentally wearying for the defense? Sophomore cornerback Casey Hayward was diplomatic.

"We don't get frustrated," Hayward said. "It comes with the game. We just go out there and try to help the offense by getting field position. We've just got to stop them on third down and get off the field ourselves." ■

Q&A with Coach Keith

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt Hustler: What conditions do you expect for the course?

Steve Keith: In September I drove over there to watch a race on an off weekend and it got flooded out. They had rain earlier this week. They're going to have significant rain tomorrow and tomorrow night, so it's going to be pretty sloppy.

VH: You and other people on the team have called the SEC Championships your final exam for the year. Can you expand on that?

SK: You get graded not necessarily by what you do all season but what happens at the SEC meets. We've had serious focus on this, talking a lot individually and as a team about what we'll try to accomplish. In one respect, a race is a race, no different than the Belmont-VU opener. But this is one that you want to not have any surprises in and know what you're getting into so that you can try to have a little bit of control over your situation.

VH: Which teams are you looking at the Vanderbilt men knocking off?

SK: LSU, and if we try to match up ahead of LSU, that will put us close to Ole Miss. Ole Miss has a kid who can be top-five in the race, and that low number's going to be hard. We can't cover that low number because we're all back in that back-third.

VH: What are some of the sacrifices the men's team undertake as the SEC's lone non-scholarship program?

SK: They're true student-athletes. They're not training any differently than if they were on scholarship or not on scholarship. You don't enter into this thing and just kind of do it half-assed. They approach their academics the same way. Either they're doing it 100 percent or they're not.

VH: Switching to the women's team, what impact can a healthy Rita Jorgensen have for you?

SK: She surprised us at Pre-Nationals, had a nice effort there. She's had two more weeks of training, so physically should be in a good spot. Mentally, she was really strong at the Pre-Nationals as far as not

having raced in quite a while. I look for her and Kristabel (Doebel-Hickok) to really push each other and match up as a nice pair like they did last year.

VH: What does the women's team need to do to be successful this weekend?

SK: Well, last year we scored 177 points and that was 30 points better than the year before. We remained in the same spot. We're setting a goal to score under 150 points which could be another 30-point improvement. I don't know if that's going to move us up more than a couple teams. We could have a great race and finish fourth, or we could have a great race and still finish eighth. That's how close things are.

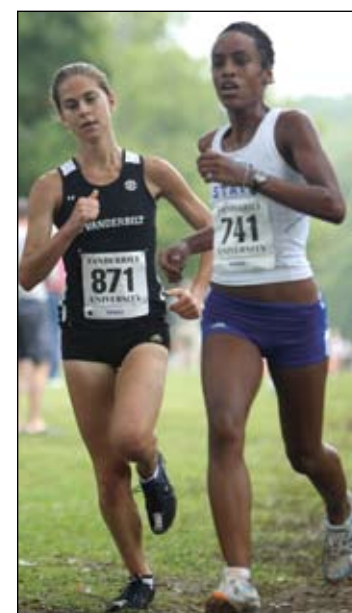
VH: Are you planning anything fun or is it all business this weekend?

SK: You've got to be relaxed and treat it like a normal meet. The second you start doing all business, things start getting a bit tight. I think we'll have an interesting afternoon (on Friday) when we run the course because it looks like it's going to

be pouring rain. For the girls, we've got three recruiting groups in there and the freshmen are very happy that they've got two classes in front of them that they can follow. A couple years ago, the juniors, when they were freshmen, they were it. The progress they've made over the last three years we're continuing to see, but it's nice to have freshmen, sophomores and juniors all in the mix



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Sophomore Kyle Rewick and junior Kristabel Doebel-Hickok will be among the key runners for Vanderbilt at the SEC Championships.

now and have had some experience, or three years experience, versus just a young group. ■

WEEK 9 SEC POWER RANKINGS

Compiled by Greg McMillin

	1. Alabama (8-0, 5-0 Southeastern Conference) The Crimson Tide were a blocked field goal away from losing to the Vols. After a bye this week, they will face their toughest opponent of the regular season when No. 9 LSU comes to town.
	2. Florida (7-0, 5-0) The Gators looked vulnerable last weekend at Mississippi State in a 29-19 victory, their first win in Starkville since 1985. Tim Tebow had his worst game of the season, throwing two pick-sixes.
	3. LSU (6-1, 4-1) Coming off a 31-10 rout of Auburn, the Tigers welcome a weak Tulane team before traveling to Tuscaloosa next weekend.
	4. South Carolina (6-2, 3-2) The Gamecocks improved to 6-2 and got some closure with a 14-10 victory over Vanderbilt this past weekend, ending a two-year losing streak to the Commodores.
	5. Ole Miss (5-2, 2-2) With their win over Arkansas, the Rebels are finally beginning to look like a team that was a pre-season top-10 pick.
	6. Tennessee (3-4, 1-3) The Volunteers have continued to play better football with the resurgence of quarterback Jonathan Crompton.
	7. Georgia (4-3, 3-2) After a bye week, the Bulldogs will travel to Jacksonville to face Florida in the World's Largest Outdoor Cocktail Party and try to avenge last season's humiliating defeat.
	8. Arkansas (3-4, 1-4) After failing to pull off the upset in the Swamp over Florida, the Razorbacks were unable to generate much offense against Ole Miss.
	9. Kentucky (4-3, 1-3) This Saturday's game against Mississippi State could determine whether or not the Wildcats go bowling for the fourth consecutive season.
	10. Auburn (5-3, 2-3) After beginning the season with a 5-0 record, the Tigers have fizzled out with Gus Malzahn's offense averaging just 12 points over the last two games.
	11. Mississippi State (3-4, 1-3) Despite putting up a fight against Florida, the Bulldogs are still staring at a 3-win season.
	12. Vanderbilt (2-6, 0-5) The Commodores will face a dangerous Georgia Tech team on Saturday, and they have lost their last three regular-season meetings with the ACC.

Heading to 'Bama



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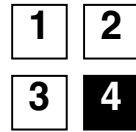
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- 1 Tubular chocolate snack
- 5 Like secret rituals
- 11 Tube top
- 14 Support, in a criminal way
- 15 Headgear on some runways
- 16 Actor Vigoda
- 17 Drones losing their pep?
- 19 a.k.a., in corporate-speak
- 20 Kenan's comedy partner
- 21 Baltic capital
- 22 ___Z: high-performance Camaro
- 23 Train former senator Dole to do without?
- 28 More than fortunate
- 30 Grandeur
- 31 Brand of bubbly
- 32 Open a ___ worms
- 33 The first indication that I had one too many last night?
- 40 Tongue and liver
- 41 Genetic molecules
- 42 As you like it
- 45 Lydian king known for his wealth
- 48 Earp in a stage show?
- 50 Man or Mull
- 51 Small batteries
- 52 Shad delicacy
- 55 Pontiac muscle car
- 56 Skater Katarina enjoying a Camel?
- 60 Grant, e.g.: Abbr.
- 61 Do the Wright thing?
- 62 Swedish furniture chain
- 63 Sentence units: Abbr.
- 64 Approached
- 65 One with a list

DOWN

- 1 Peddle
- 2 Theater award
- 3 College hazing period
- 4 1940s Giants manager Mel
- 5 When many shops open
- 6 Fixed
- 7 Conspiracy
- 8 Exist
- 9 Dundee denial
- 10 Slalom curve
- 11 Elite training squads
- 12 "Who's on First?" straight man
- 13 "Great!"
- 18 Nest egg components, for short
- 22 Start of a rule that keeps you from spelling weirdly?
- 24 Ballpark figure
- 25 Mosque VIP
- 26 Madcap
- 27 "This is ___ for Superman!"
- 28 Mercedes rival
- 29 Mauna ___
- 32 Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.
- 34 Bird house
- 35 Cat, south of the border
- 36 Santa Monica-to-Jacksonville rte.
- 37 Picketing
- 38 19th Greek letter
- 39 Frying sound
- 42 Aptly named mod model
- 43 Pearl harborer
- 44 Raptor's grabbers
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- 53 Military service designation
- 54 New York cardinal
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- 57 "___ seen enough!"
- 58 Actress Carrere
- 59 Tease

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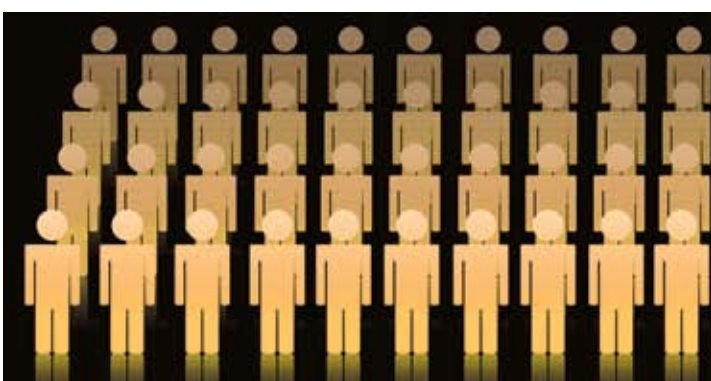
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