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Commons 2.0

Evolution of the first-year experience met with energy, excitement.

by HANNAH TWILLMAN Editor-in-Chief

One year after the Class of 2012 descended upon The Commons, the faculty and students charged with facilitating the first-year experience have breathed a sigh of relief.

"The first year was uplifting," said Dean of The Commons Frank Wcislo. "We have a year of experience under our belts. ... Now there's a year's worth of experience and a year's worth of answers."

What one year ago was a giant unknown for everyone involved is now a new and evolving project that can be more

leaders of The Commons are who are excited to take on fostering this evolution as they were to kick

"The level of excitement is the same," said Faculty Head of House Gregory Barz. "... If anything, what's different this year is a sense of security, a sense of confidence, a sense of believing that you can reach the entire university with this project."

Wcislo said he saw the successes of last year in the small, everyday events that come from living in the same community, whether it was at a dinner at the Dean's Residence or an impromptu conversation with faculty members in the halls of one of the 10 houses.

environment.

"We live with students, we learn with students," he said.

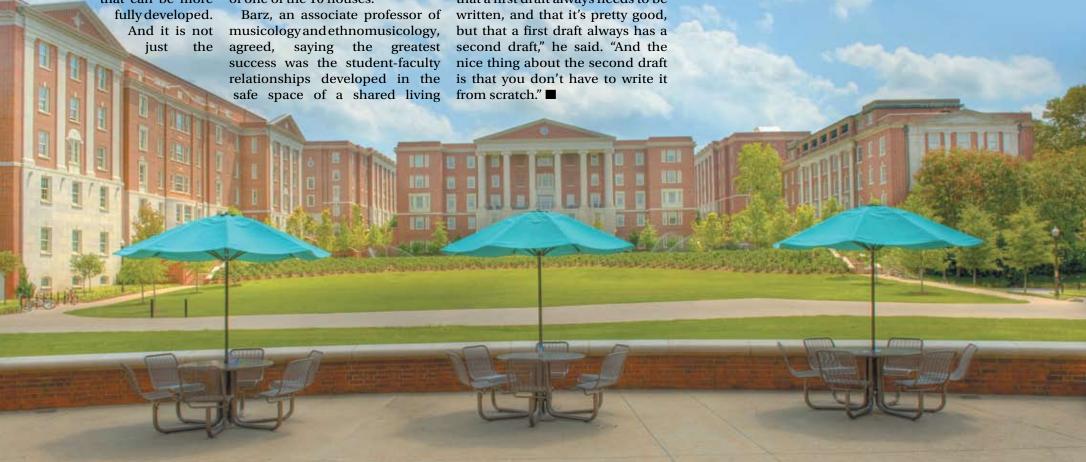
Both Barz and Wcislo want to focus on getting the whole university involved in the Commons project this year. They said a focus on the whole four years of a students' Vanderbilt education is just as important as their first year. And a key element of that focus is providing a bridge to the upperclass experience for first-year students.

Wcislo credits the first year's experience as a resource to revise the program and strengthen it.

"We ended up writing a really good first draft. I am a firm believer that a first draft always needs to be



CHRIS PHARE / The Vanderbilt Hustler The Class of 2012 was the first class to break in The Commons. Faculty and students have been busy over the past couple weeks preparing the campus for its newest residents.



Making the transition easier

Every new year means change — a fact that can be both exciting and daunting at the same time.

There is no time when this will be truer for you, Class of 2013, than now. Starting college, living with a roommate, moving to a new city — it's big.

But don't worry, that's where we come in. Within the next several pages of this special "Welcome to Nashville" issue of The Vanderbilt Hustler, you'll find plenty of articles to get you

up to speed with the latest on Vanderbilt's campus. Whether you want some advice from Presidential Medal of Freedom winner and Vanderbilt alumnus Muhammad Yunus, info about the captains of the football team this season or the differences between the nearby frozen yogurt options, we have you covered. And if that's not enough, you can always head to InsideVandy.com for more.

Beyond that, don't forget to check out the Survival Guide. It was created just for you, to help answer any questions you might have



about living at Vanderbilt, that pesky little class thing or what to do around Nashville.

And we'll be changing, too, so stay tuned for some exciting stuff from us this semester. Check back on Wednesday in our first issue for some more about that. After that, you can pick up your copy of The Hustler every Monday and Friday all around campus, and on Wednesdays, you'll be able to find the stands stacked with copies of Versus Magazine, our

arts and entertainment magazine.

If you want to get involved in student media or if you have any questions at all, we would absolutely love to have you. Feel free to stop by Sarratt 130 any time — someone will likely always be here — or e-mail me at editor@insidevandy.com.

And let me just say, welcome to Nashville!

Hannah Twillman **Editor-in-Chief, The Vanderbilt Hustler** Class of 2011

Big things planned for Web site

InsideVandy.com has never been everyone's favorite Web site. So, this summer we went about trying to help it kick at least a moderate amount of ass.

The entire site has been redesigned to look better and roll with the news as it happens. The header is fully flexible in the style of Wired. com, so, if something huge happens or there's video that needs to be seen, it goes on top for real. We've wildly

expanded our Facebook and Twitter presence, so when something big happens with the university or for the Commodores, we bring the news to you. We're shifting our priority to being a provider — provider of news, entertainment and services.

In the next two weeks, we're rolling out all the following:

- A football preview featuring interviews, a position-by-position breakdown for the season and pre-season rankings.
- The Crime Report, which will track and **Class of 2010**

campus (while we work on archiving crime in the past). • The Music Blog, which

map crime on and around

finally will amp up our music coverage online in Music City, led by music editors Zac Hunter and Chris McDonald.

In September, we will launch a Nashville City Guide to provide quick hit information about restaurants and bars near campus and beyond. Because it's targeted at college

students, the guide will include relevant information like price range, alcohol availability and whether a restaurant is a good place to take a date or your parents when they're in town. Also in September, we'll launch a fully updated Google Calendar with campus, athletic and Greek events all in one place.

Katherine Miller InsideVandy.com Director

VERSUS: Read Versus Editor-in-Chief Courtney Rogers' junior year bucket list. SEE PAGE 12

BREAK INTO THE GULCH WITHOUT BREAKING THE BANK





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JDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF T YOUR LOCAL MERCHANTS FOR

Vanderbilt Student Communications and the Student Life Center are hosting the annual "Welcome to Nashville Fair" on August 31.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

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

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

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

HOW MANY VENDORS WILL BE THERE?

We are allowing up to 50 vendors to attend. We won't have a final count until the last minute but we expect a full house.

DO I NEED TO BRING ANYTHING?

Free bags will be provided courtesy of Fed Ex-Kinkos so you can carry away all the great stuff you collect while you are there.

WHAT ABOUT GIVING OUT PERSONAL CON-**TACT INFORMATION?**

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

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

- 1. ASCEND FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, 8GB IPOD
- 2. ATHLETES HOUSE
- 3. BANK OF AMERICA, PORTABLE DVD PLAYER
- 4. BIG BANG,
- **5. BRENTWOOD DOWNS**
- **6. BRUEGGER'S BAGLES**
- 7. CABANA. \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 8. CAROL G'S SALON, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE 9. COLLEGEBOOKRENTER.COM, 2 \$50 GIFT **CERTIFICATES**
- 10. CORNERSTONE FIANCIAL, \$100 VISA GIFT-
- 11. COSMETIC MARKET, \$500 GIFT BASKET
- 12. CROSSINGS OF BELLEVUE
- 13. CVS PHARMACY, \$200 GIFT CERTIFICATE 14. DEAN OF STUDENTS FILM PROGRAM,
- BELCOURT T-SHIRT, 2 -1YR MEMBRSHIPS FOR FRIST CENTER FOR THE ARTS
- 15. DORMESTICS
- 16. EYE CANDY SALON, \$100 GIFT CERT FOR
- SERVICES ONLY **17. FIFTH THIRD BANK**
- **18. FIRST TENNESSEE BANK**
- 19. F.Y.E., \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 20. GRAYLINE TOURS, 5-HOUR CHARTER ON A 56-PASSENGER BUS (\$525 VALUE)
- 21. GREAT ESCAPE, \$100 GIFT CERTIFICATE
- 22. HAURY AND SMITH
- 23. ICON IN THE GULCH, IKEA SLEEPER SOFA
- 24. JET'S PIZZA
- 25. KAPLIN TEST PREP, FREE SCHOLARSHIP FOR A KAPLAN PREP COURSE (UP TO \$1,899 *VALUE*)

- 26. LEAN PERSONAL TRAINING, 3 PERSONAL FITNESS TRAINING SESSIONS (\$120 VALUE)
- 27. LIVESCRIBE, PULSE SMARTPEN
- 28. LOFT SALON, FREE HAIR COLOR AND CUT
- 29. MACKE'S RESTAURANT, BRUNCH FOR 4 **30. MARINE CORPS, GRAB BAG OF LOGO**
- SHIRTS & WATER BOTTLE 31. NASHVILLE CAB
- **32. PIZZA HUT, 15 GIFT CERTIFICATES**
- 33. QDOBA, CATERED HOT TACO BAR FOR 20
- **34. SELKIN LASER CENTER**
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Insiders' views Members of the original Commons community share their perspectives on last year, the future.

by HANNAH TWILLMAN Editor-in-Chief



To listen to interviews from Commons insiders, go to www.InsideVandy.com



FRANK WCISLO DEAN OF THE COMMONS

Evolution of The Commons:

"The nice thing about thinking about the Commons project is that it's evolving and developing and new."

Second year goal:

"My goal is to get everyone to recognize that this isn't just a place. That it certainly isn't just a set of dorms. It's a living and learning community."

Empowered learning:

"The opportunity to live and learn here is an additional benefit of being a student at Vanderbilt primarily because it gives you the opportunity to contribute. And when you contribute in some way ... you have a greater sense of your own possession and ownership of this thing you call your education. And when you have a greater sense of (this), you feel more empowered in your education and it's much more likely you're going to challenge me as a professor in and out of my classroom."

leader of the house. We live with students, we learn with students. We are present in their everyday life. ... We have shifted our lives to become part of the Commons firstyear experience. We are there as resources. We are there to participate fully in the intellectual and cognitive world of the firstyear students."



GREGORY BARZ FACULTY HEAD OF NORTH HOUSE

Focus on the future:

"I do feel that last year, being the first year of The Commons, was hard for many of us to focus on what's next —what about the second year experience? (What about) providing a bridge to the upperclass experience? Now that many of us have had the experience of living with these students, we're more confident in our ability to bring in more experiences."

Life as a Faculty Head of House:

"We are not house mothers. We are not house dads. ... We are the intellectual

Hopes for students:

"My goals are to have resident students become more compassionate students of the university. ... My hope is that students will tap into my goals and access some really creative ideas and really do something about it. ... I'm hoping that students will bend their minds a little and think about why we're here and what we're doing."



EMILIE STROM VUCEPT PRESIDENT

After year one:

"I think The Commons is fabulous. It really exceeded the expectations we had going into it. It turned into a great asset to this campus as well as a really good first year experience. I wish I had The Commons when I came in."

VUcept's role:

"Vanderbilt Visions became a really good way for students to mingle between the houses, to get people who wouldn't have really known to get to know each other. It further enriched the community, just having that extra level of getting to know people. Our VUceptors did a fabulous job with that, and it helped getting upperclass involvement in that which is key."

ANDREW MAGUIRE CLASS OF 2012

Common living:

"The Commons succeeded in creating an experience in which an entire class could come together over 'common' grounds. I loved the residential experience, becoming really close with my RA's and enjoying my Head of House, Prof. Paul Lim's, company. My Crawford pride will last for my four years and for my time outside of Vanderbilt."

The good and the bad:

"I think that The Commons effectively provided programming to appeal to a student body whose diversity is often masked by Vanderbilt stereotypes. I always knew that if I did not want to spend a night on Greek Row, I could stay at The Commons and find some kind of crazy activity to do. However, like anything in its inaugural year, the Commons struggled in places. Programming at times reached a breaking point where there were so many events coming from so many sources that people just gave up on them all."

MATTY ROBERTS CLASS OF 2012

More prepared:

"I think that now that they have had the inaugural year, especially the professors will know what to expect."

Success despite shortcomings:

"They had a lot of big plans for The Commons, and even if they didn't meet all their goals, everyone in the end benefited from it and each dorm benefited from it."

Advice to incoming class:

"Be open to the experiences and if you see a program you are interested in, sign up for it. Don't just be isolated into your year-one dorm or hall. Just look past that. Don't let the fact that The Commons is far away keep you from being a part of campus."



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Makinga difference

Medal of Freedom recipient, alumnus offers advice to Vanderbilt students.

by BANKS BENITEZ

Contributing Reporter

A 1971 Vanderbilt University alumnus, Muhammad Yunus is one of 16 individuals selected by President Barack Obama to receive the 2009 Presidential Medal of Freedom. Yunus, who received his Ph.D. in economics from Vanderbilt, was awarded America's highest civilian honor in August for his pioneering work in micro-loans and anti-poverty efforts. He received the Nobel Peace Prize for these efforts in 2006.

While traveling in Bangladesh over the summer, senior Banks Benitez had the opportunity to visit Grameen Bank, the bank Yunus started. While there, he met with the Nobel Prize winner. Yunus advised students to think simply, start small and act quickly to change the world.

Vanderbilt Hustler: What advice do you have for people who say they want to "save the world"?

Muhammad Yunus: If you want to save the world, you must have a vision for the world you want to see. You have to have the picture in your mind of the ideal world. Then you should notice the differences between the real world and your ideal world and strive to fix those problems and bridge the gap between the real and the ideal. Look at the most pressing problems and solve

- **VH:** What do you think is the biggest problem in the world today?
- MY: The biggest problem in the world today is the culmination of all the crises. We have an energy crisis, a food crisis, a financial crisis, an environmental crisis and a social crisis with all the inequality in the world. We have caused these crises because we have a conceptual failure of humanity. For so many years, we have only focused on the selfishness of humanity. We have considered that humanity is only selfish. However, we are not 100 percent selfish. The selflessness of humanity has been excluded. That is the problem.
- **VH:** You said in "Banker to the Poor" (your autobiography) that when you were teaching in the classroom at Chittagong University, you felt that what you were teaching was not applicable to helping those people in



Nobel Peace Prize Winner Muhammad Yunus came to Vanderbilt in 2007 to give the Senior Day address to the graduating class.

Bangladesh. I oftentimes wrestle with what economic theory says is the right thing to do versus what my heart says is the right thing to do. For example, economics say that we shouldn't help beggars on the street because it de-incentivizes them and doesn't empower them. But my heart says that I should give them something. How does one reconcile this interplay?

- **MY:** Economic theory is simply that theory. Theory is extracted from reality. Economic theory is only an approximation off the real world. I believe that we should never focus too much on these theories. We should always fall back on the truth of the real world. If the truth of the real world tells you to help the beggar, then you should do it. However, you must consider what type of help is the most beneficial. Help him/her in a way that doesn't take away dignity.
- **VH:** What was the best advice you ever received and from whom?
- MY: I don't know if anyone ever told me this, but the best advice I have is to make yourself available to people. See if you can be of use to people and help them.
- VH: One day, someone else will run Grameen Bank. What advice will you give to your successor on how to run
- MY: Grameen Bank is here to help. It is not to bring misery to people. We are here to relieve misery from people. Also,

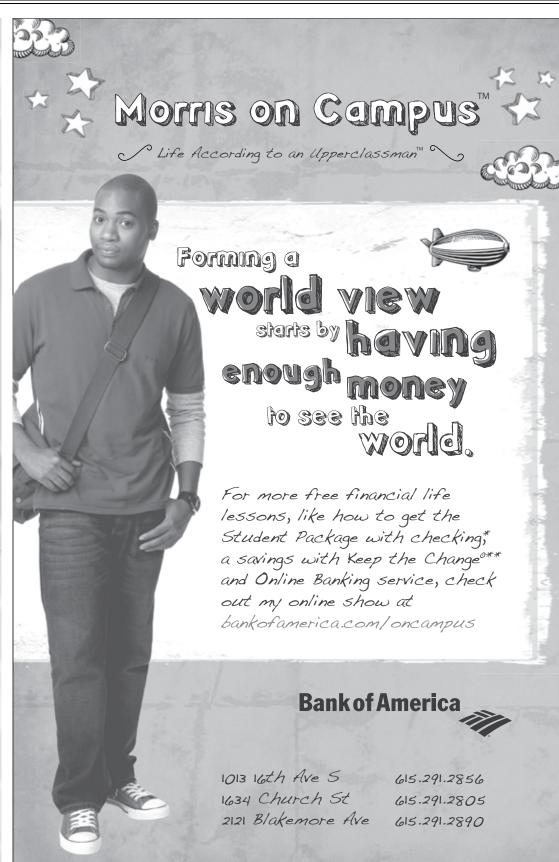
Grameen Bank is owned by the borrowers of the bank. We are here to serve them. We are their employees.

- **VH:** You say that it is only our arrogance which leads us to seek complicated solutions to simple problems. How has this statement been true in your life?
- MY: Yes, yes. The key is to start simple. Academia has trained us to complicate everything. I deal with people all the time who are trying to over-complicate problems and interactions. They get frustrated with me because I always try to consider things in simple terms first. People don't understand when I start simple. Academia has allowed simple facts to be ignored.
- **VH:** What is the most important message graduating Vanderbilt students need to hear?
- MY: You don't need to wait to change the world. Have faith in your capacity. Even one person can change the world. Start small and replicate the seed. All you need is one seed, and then copy it.
- **VH:** What advice do you have for an aspiring journalist?
- MY: Learn from your reality. Present the world as you see it. Don't theorize and don't make judgments.
- VH: What books do you suggest graduating Vanderbilt
- students to read? MY: I don't have any specific books. Read what you want

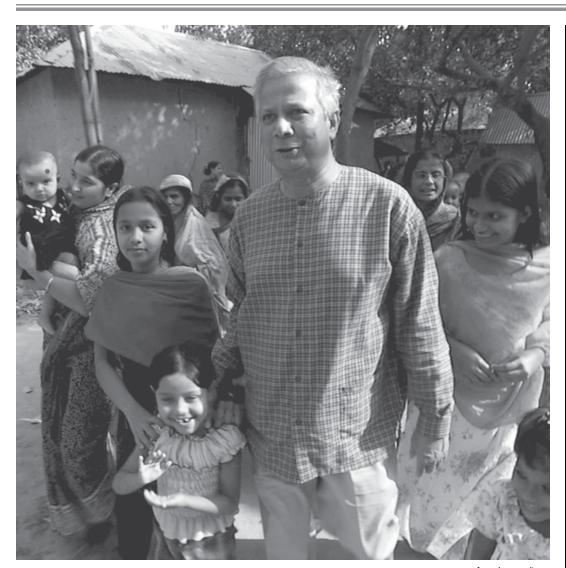


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Yunus created a microfinancing organization in Bangladesh to help locals escape poverty.

to read — what you are interested in. about that. The important thing is to make up your mind first and then read.

VH: In my village visits, none of the women admitted to borrowing from multiple microfinance organizations. Is this happening and if so, do you think these MY: I would be excited about the crisis. women are leveraging their loans from the different organizations? Could there eventually be a bubble?

MY: Absolutely. There is plenty of overlapping. The company that deals with this problem the best will be the one that is most successful. They need to be judicious in their dealings. If women were to default on their loans, then handling that crisis would be important. There could be a bubble.

VH: What is the biggest problem in

Bangladesh?

What is it you want to do? Then read MY: Politics is the biggest problem. Politics is confrontational, corrupt. There is no contentment in politics.

> VH: If you were Barack Obama right now, what would you do? What advice would you give to him if you were advising him?

A crisis is an opportunity to try new things and redesign the system. I would put 50 percent of my resources, time and people into solving the current crisis, and I would put 50 percent of my resources, time and people into researching new things and seeking out new opportunities. I don't think Barack Obama is too excited about owning a large chunk of the automotive industry. I have never liked monopolies. ■



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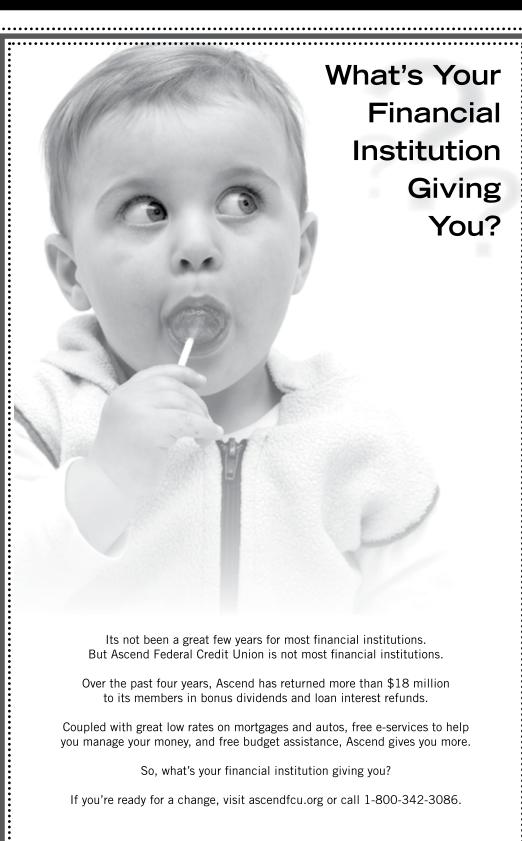
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Where to avoid the noise

by NIKKY OKORO

Fashion Asst. Editor

Part of settling in to campus — and key for making the grade — is finding you perfect study spot. But this can seem to be almost impossible with all of the ongoing events and meetings going on around campus. So as a way to help those desperately searching for their niche, here is The Hustler's list of the top five best places to study around campus.



1. Central Library — 8th floor

Don't ask why the eighth floor specifically provides one of the most suitable places to study, because I honestly wouldn't be able to tell you. Maybe it's the calming sense of Vanderbilt's legacy on the bookshelves ... or the eeriness of the old, creaking halls.



2. Baseball Glove Lounge

Though the Baseball Glove Lounge is a more than popular spot for all Vanderbilt students, it's one of the only places to study where silence truly is golden. Let out the slightest peep and you will be shunned.



3. Law School Library

The law school proves to be one of the lesser known and used facilities on campus by undergraduates. Its location near Furman Hall makes it convenient for mostly those living in Kissam Quadrangle. It possesses both a comfortable and refined atmosphere, full of future lawyers. The only downside would be undergraduates' inability to enter the building after hours.



4. Starbucks on 21st Avenue

If you're looking for a place close by and need an excuse to somewhat escape the Vanderbubble, try your local Starbucks off 21st Avenue. The coffeehouse aura is always a plus, and there are always plenty of comfy couches and seats to lounge on.



5. Dorm Room

If all else fails, just try giving your dorm room a try. Even if your roommate insists on watching a movie at full volume or even having a party each night, finishing your homework and studying for two exams should be your main goal.



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Out with the old

Commodore Card completely re-vamped over the summer for better appearance, personal security.



ERIN PRAH / Editorial Fello

Some students, like senior Vincent Broadbeck, were able to get their new cards before school starts. Sophomores, juniors and seniors will have to wait until Sept. 21 to begin to trade in their old cards for the new.

by ERIN PRAH

Editorial Fellow

The card has received a face-lift.

All Vanderbilt students and faculty will need to replace their old Commodore Cards with a newly designed and more secure version by Oct. 12.

Rick Wood, director of business service systems, said the card needed a redesign from the look it's had for the past 12 years. The card office also used this as a chance to use new technologies to make the card more secure.

In the past, Commodore Cards were coded with a student's social security number. Now, Woods said, the card office is trying to get away from using SSNs and instead creating randomly generated numbers to link students with their identity.

"We're trying to get as many (old cards) off the street as possible," Woods said, "just so that we can make sure there's nothing

out there than can be used by scrupulous folks."

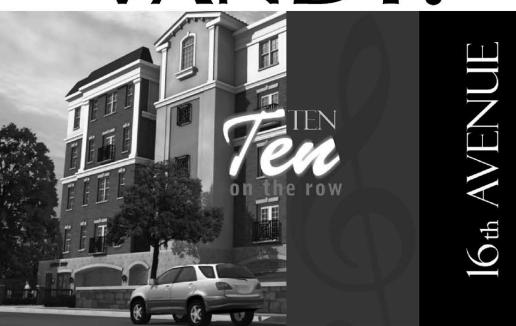
Students can get their new cards at 327 Sarratt Student Center weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Sept. 21, but each class will be given preference during specific weeks. Seniors will have preference from Sept. 21 to 25, juniors from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1 and sophomores from Oct. 5 to 9. Freshmen will receive the new version of the card when they move in on Aug. 22.

Getting a new card is free as long as students turn in their old cards. If not, there is a lost card fee of \$20.

If undergraduates do not get a new card by Oct. 12, Woods said they will still be able to get into buildings and eat at the dining halls, but their Commodore Cash would be frozen until they get the new version.

Hannah Twillman contributed reporting to this article.

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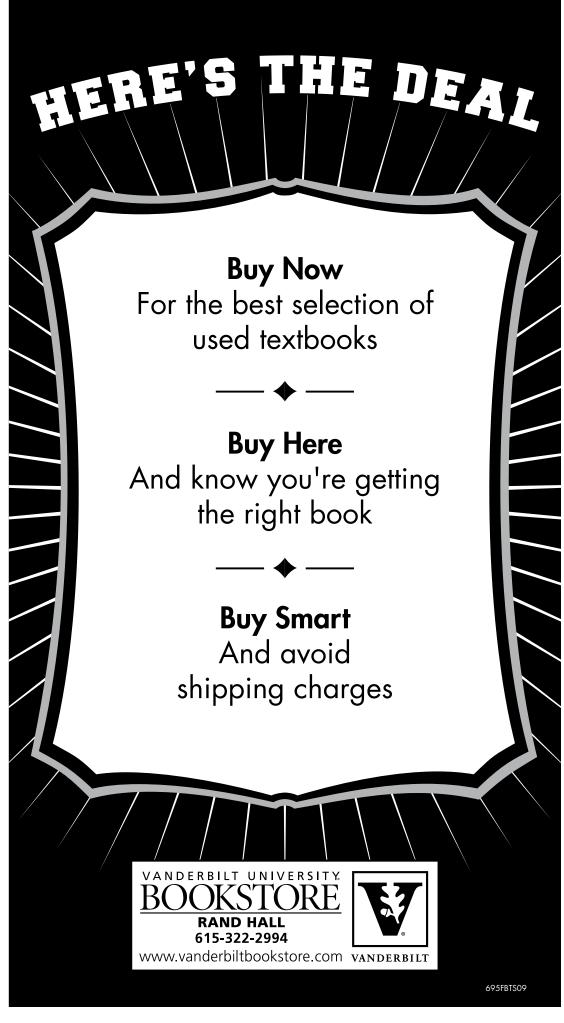
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Co-captains chosen because of commitment, hard work by DAVID RUTZ Sports Editor



Benoist a natural leader for younger players

The Commodores needed a lot of big plays from their defense to have the season they had in 2008, and senior linebacker Patrick Benoist was involved in plenty of them.

After a while, it became expected, almost natural, to see No. 30 on the ball on nearly every play.

"I think he's sort of a natural football player," said Vanderbilt head coach Bobby Johnson. "He just seems to know where the ball's going."

As one of several rising seniors with three years of SEC experience, Benoist wants to be a guide for the younger players. "I just try to find how people learn, specifically with

the linebackers, and try to show them in the best way possible how to adapt," he said. Benoist's example impresses his coaches and

particularly his fellow players, enough so that he was elected a co-captain for the 2009 season. He was asked why he thought he had been appointed to the position. "Good leader, good teammate, and I'm always ready

to work," he said. "I was very honored. It's such a great feeling to be elected captain by all your teammates, and I know I won't let them down, I'll work hard."

"Everybody respects him. He played hurt, and he played a lot of plays," Johnson said. "He's going to give his best for the team."

Johnson doesn't have to look to Benoist to be a leader for his teammates. He expects it.

"He's just a great example for our guys," Johnson said. "He helps those younger guys with the mental aspects of it, and we'll never have to ask him to do that. It's just sort of a natural thing for him." ■



Hard-hitting Hamilton makes a difference

Vanderbilt's Ryan Hamilton didn't set out to be a captain this year, but he still was elected one.

"I'm very honored," he said. "But it's not like I came out and tried to get it. The guys just thought I could do a good

The redshirt senior's 2008 season was easily his best so far with the Commodores, racking up 104 total tackles, 51 solo, four interceptions and three fumble recoveries, all ranking him among the best on the team and the conference.

All this coming from a player with one career collegiate interception coming in. He was named National Defensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Foundation for his efforts, and the Pennsylvania native in the No. 2 jersey was for the moment the No. 1 defender in America. While many other coaches choose different leaders

for each week of the season, the three selected by their Commodore teammates keep the important role for the entire season. They serve as the eyes and ears of the coaching staff for insight into a large squad that needs to

There's no set criteria for them, in head coach Bobby Johnson's eyes. That's what works for a player like Hamilton, who lets roles mold to fit him, not the other way around.

"I've always thought that captains reveal themselves through their hard work and their concern for the team," Johnson said. "I think our team over the years has done an excellent job of voting for those guys who identify

"To be honest, I'm ready to go out there and keep doing what I've been doing," Hamilton said. "Obviously, I haven't been a captain yet, but I think I know what it takes. I'm ready to do it." ■

Head coach Bobby Johnson believes true leaders reveal themselves, and linebacker Patrick Benoist, center Bradley Vierling and safety Ryan Hamilton demonstrated themselves to be examples for the rest of their teammates as they were elected co-captains for the 2009 season.



Vierling's play, words put him center stage

As Vanderbilt's starting center last season, redshirt senior Bradley Vierling touched the ball on just about every offensive play. As a co-captain, his leadership made even more of an impact on his teammates.

Both Vierling, recently elected a team captain for 2009, and the rest of the Commodores enjoyed a breakout campaign in 2008, but to him, their achievements were one and the same.

"You win as a family, you lose as a family, you work hard as a family," he said. "In the end, we're all family and we all wear the Black and Gold. That's what we want to represent, as team captains all the way down to the youngest guy on the team." In his first year as a starter, Vierling played all 13 games

of Vanderbilt's 7-6 season in 2008 and saw more action than any other offensive lineman. Improved strength and conditioning made him one of the unit's best blockers as the Commodores capped the year by winning the Music City Bowl, their first postseason victory in 53 years.

While Vierling's appointment as a co-captain by his teammates for the second straight season is significant in and of itself, his election last year was even more significant because, at the time, he had yet to make a collegiate start.

But it's his effort and work ethic that really command the respect of the Commodores. Vierling is known to be one of the team's most hardworking and committed players on the practice field.

"He leads by actions. He's the first at everything. First in weightlifting, first in drills," said Robbie Caldwell, Vanderbilt's offensive line coach and assistant head coach. "His is not a show. He does his by actual actions, but he's not afraid to speak so he's an ideal player for



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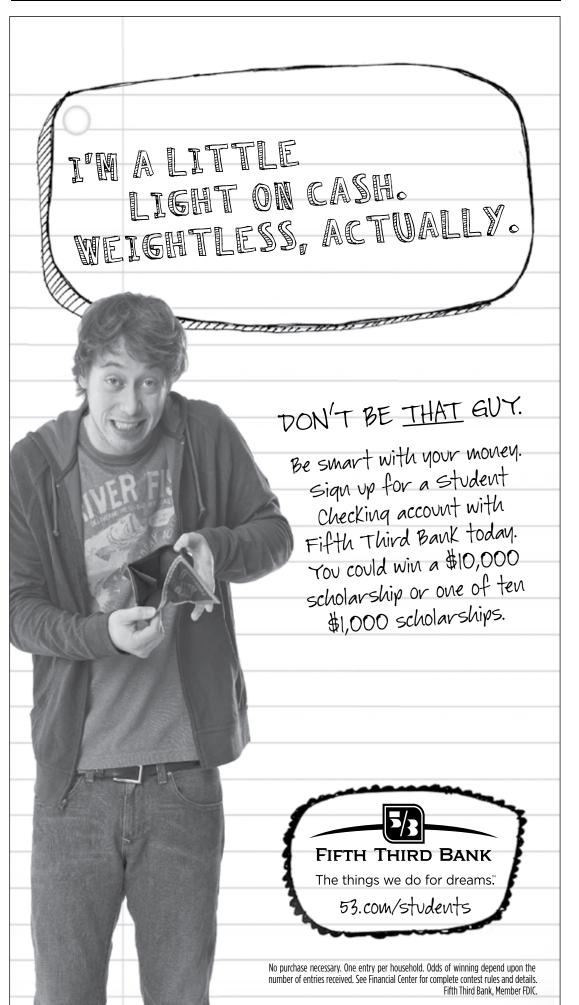
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Some of the most important things can't be learned in a library.

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What you'll learn

by CHARLIE KESSLERING

Entertainment Editor

When I was a freshman, wide eyed and sober tailed, I imagined the bulk of my learning at Vanderbilt coming from the words in an over-priced textbook or rolling sensually off the tongue of a professor. I was

Don't get me wrong. Class, and all that trails in its relentless wake, is not simply a worthless rigmarole meant to wear you down until the world has lost all beauty and food all flavor. No, tuition does pays for something—there's much to be gained from the halls of academia, much to be found out. I simply believe the most important lessons — those about life, the world and your place in it — will be learned through other means. Allow me to elaborate.

On Sunday morning, after a long night perusing frat row, you'll learn that those hours you spent in the Divinity Library the week before seem like a perfectly good substitute for church. Or maybe, you'll learn you're more devout than I.

You'll learn to learn from your peers. No matter how similarly we all dress, talk or act, everyone is different. Seersucker isn't a flawless homogenizer. But you'll find cultures aren't something that divide people, but unite them though commonalities and

You'll learn to be patient. You'll learn you're cool the way you are. This isn't high school.

Many of you will be surprised to learn Thursday is your favorite night of the week, and will regret that knowledge come Friday morning. Girls, you'll learn to wear comfortable, stainable shoes if your plans include more than five minutes at a frat party. Guys, you'll learn to, regardless of personal taste, respect a woman's shoes.

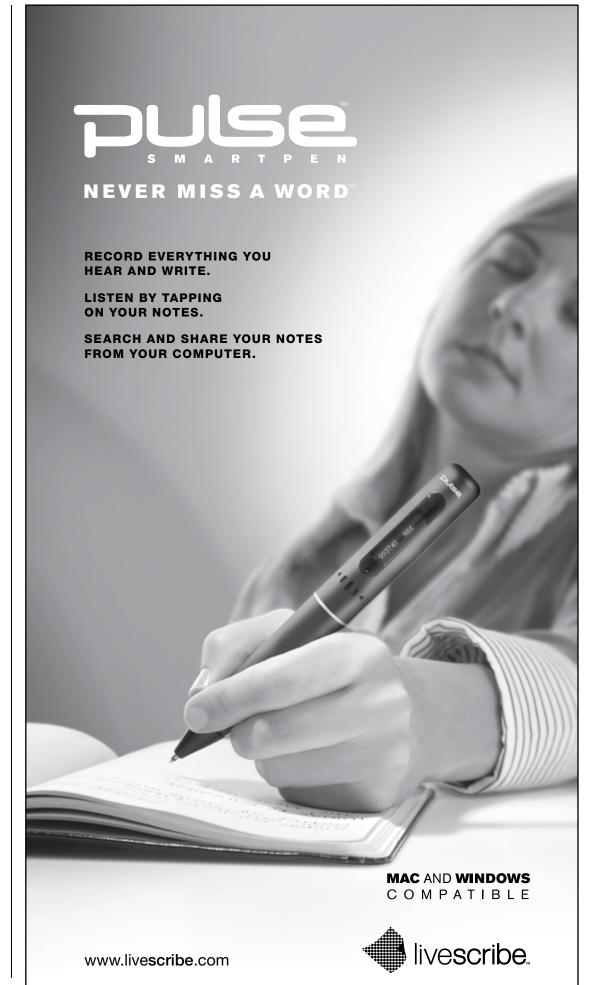
After denying yourself the pleasure countless times during the week, on the weekend, you'll learn the true glory of rolling over and falling back to sleep.

You'll discover a love for the never-tiring dynamo that is the college environment. You'll learn to appreciate the occasional retreat from that world, from its constant hum and pressure. But you'll find that summer break is far too long.

You'll learn that, whether under the influence of life or something liquid, lying down on Alumni Lawn and staring into the sky with a reckless idealism and adoration for the simple things is perfectly all right. Because no one can judge you.

You'll learn that there are very few things worth getting upset over. A B isn't one of

Most importantly though, you'll find that when the end of days is upon us (whether the Bible is true, animals get tired of the cruelties of the zoo system or otherwise) and you have but minutes to spend, you will want to spend them right here, the best place on Earth. That's what you'll learn at Vanderbilt. And you won't learn it in a classroom.



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New (school) year's resolutions

by COURTNEY ROGERS Versus Editor-in-Chief

I've never been one for making yearly resolutions. For years, it was always the same thing, "I will be more organized." Yet, lo and behold, I am still the girl who can't find her keys and Vandy Card on a daily basis, and my school supply desk drawers are always overrun by headbands and hair accessories. So, organization is not on the agenda, but I have a few goals of a more fun variety to spice up my junior year. Over the past two years, I've done my share of classically Vandy/Nashville things from waiting in an insane line at the Pancake Pantry to checking out the Frist. But now that my college career is at its halfway point, I'm determined to make the most of what time I've got left and do the things I like as frequently as possible.



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While performers like The Flaming Lips have come to campus, lesser known acts can be discovered all around Music City.

Go to more concerts

Dear readers, I'm sure this seems like a complete statement of the obvious. After all, Nashville isn't called Music City for nothing and there's never a dearth of musical stylings for your listening pleasure. But shockingly enough, though I had rocked out at the Ryman a few times, I had never been to the Exit/In until the end of last semester. I saw the Whigs, who were awesome live even though I will never outlive the embarrassment of not understanding the concept that being on the band's guest list

means you get to go backstage. Who knew? Well, not me. Embarrassing lack of clues aside, their show was so much fun and I want to go back very soon. It's very easy to get stuck in the rut of staying on campus, but many venues are either within walking distance or a short cab ride away from the Vandy bubble. So find either an awesome band you like or maybe one you haven't heard of, grab your friends and some Cab Cash and listen to some great jams. That's my plan for fall '09.



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Nashville Predators in action against Detroit in game 4 of the Stanley Cup Playoffs at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

Attend Predators games

Little known fact, underneath it all I am a true hockey fan. I love the fast pace, the fighting and the excuse to drink hot chocolate. The Sommet Center is so incredibly close to our campus, but I have never been to a game in Nashville. This has to change and I've decided that this is the year. Unfortunately, their Web site has been less than helpful with looking up ticket prices (get it together, Ticketmaster) but I know they offer discounts and hold

"College Nights" with relative frequency. I'm now signed up for updates on Predators tickets, so when I know the ticket situation, I'll pass on the information. Even if hockey isn't your game, I'd recommend you give it a shot. For the girls, hockey players are known to be pretty easy on the eyes, and for guys, it's a rough and tumble game, and once it's done, you're already downtown to continue the fun.

Watch cooler movies

most lame romantic comedies and am not above seeing the latest Disney flick. Over the summer, I started to turn it around and increase my movie street cred by seeing "500 Days of Summer," "Paper Heart" and "Away We Go." So, this doesn't exactly make me the queen of indie movies, but those were three solid steps in the right direction. The Belcourt is another Nashville landmark

I don't generally watch cool movies. I love I have yet to use thus far and I'm excited to give it a try. Upcoming movies include "The Cove," a film about activists trying to save dolphins, and "Seraphine," a French film about a housekeeper turned painter that won several prestigious French cinematic awards. I'm not sure if I'm hip enough for the Belcourt, but there's only one way to

So there you have it, my grand plan for expanding my horizons of fun this semester. Will these resolutions go the way of my waylaid plans to be organized? Check out Versus in the coming weeks and I'll let you know. ■





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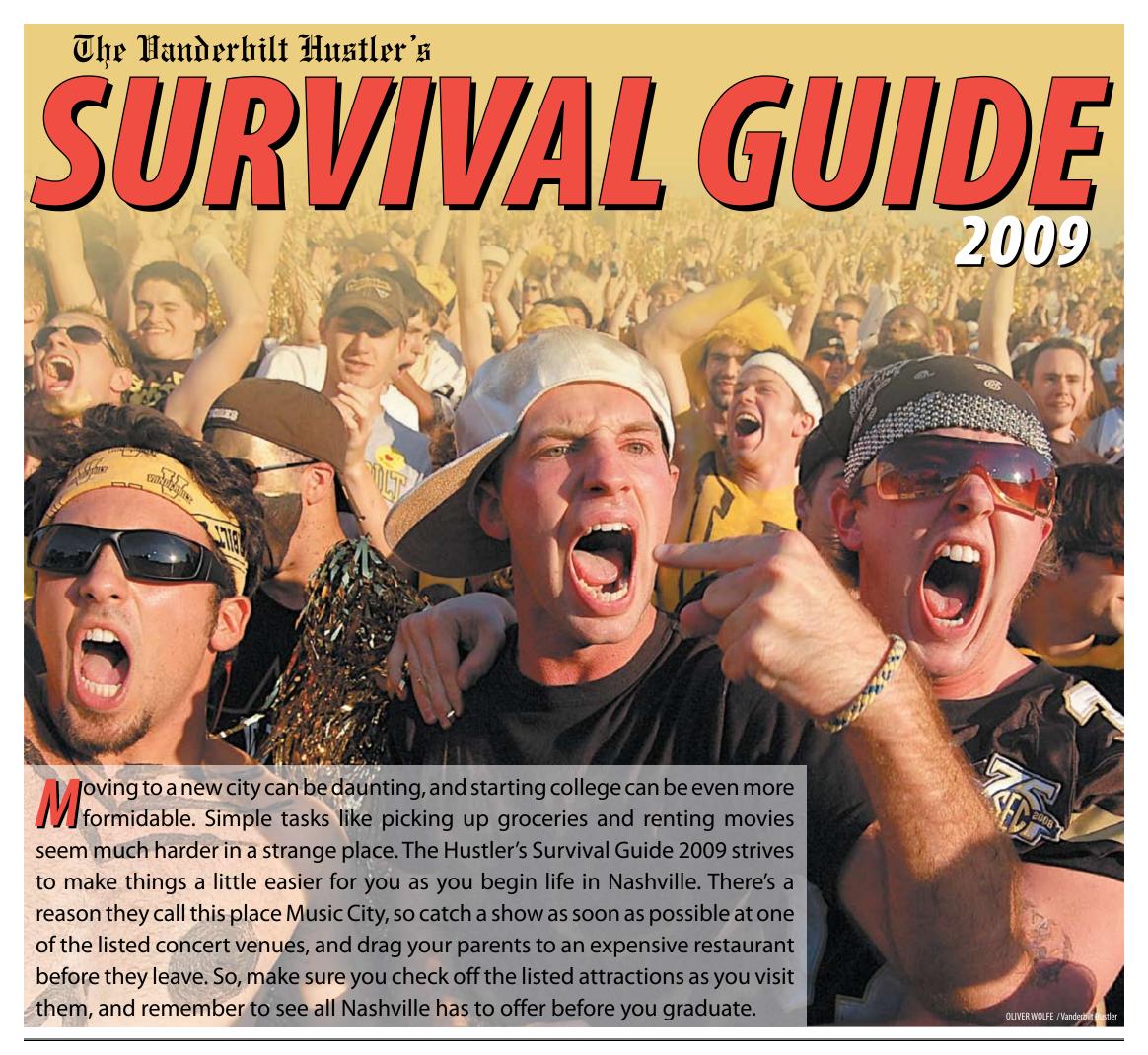
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Centennial Park www.nashville.gov/parthenon

Located right across from campus on West End Avenue, Centennial is the home of Nashville's Parthenon — a full-size replica of the Greek Parthenon in Athens — that often houses art exhibits. It is a great place to run or walk, lie on the lawn and study, or take a picnic. There also are free concerts and festivals at various times of the year. Of particular interest might be the autumn and spring crafts shows, ideal times to see artisans at work and to find unique gifts.

Cheekwood Botanical Gardens and Museum of Art 1200 Forrest Park Dr. 615) 356-8000 www.cheekwood.org

A visit to Cheekwood is a great The Grand Ole Opry cultural excursion. As the developers of the Maxwell House coffee blend, the original estate owners played a significant role in Nashville history. The family's mansion now serves as an art museum, and expansive gardens surround the building.

Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum 222 Fifth Ave. S. 615-416-2001

www.countrymusichalloffame.

Now that you live in Music City, a visit to the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum is a must. The size of one entire city block, this museum houses tons of country memorabilia, including Elvis' 1961 Cadillac. Even for those who are not country fans, it is a fun way to get into the Nashville spirit. A

Family Tradition: The Williams Family Legacy, celebrating Hank, Hank Jr. and the rest of the family is a special exhibit that continues until the end of 2009. Don't forget to visit the actual Hall of Fame, where the plaques of great artists hang.

Frist Center for the Visual Arts 919 Broadway (615) 244-3340 www.fristcenter.org

As Nashville's premier art museum, the Frist has about 24,000 square feet of gallery space, which houses stunning art from local, state and regional artists, as well as rotating national and international exhibitions. Visit their Web site to find out about special exhibits.

Sommet Center 501 Broadway (615) 770-2000 http://sommetcenter.com

The Sommet Center is a great venue downtown where you might expect to see any event from a rodeo to a music concert to a hockey game. The NHL's Nashville Predators call the center's ice home. Check out the online calendar of events to find more information about upcoming activities.

2802 Opryland Drive (615) 871-OPRY www.opry.com

With its first broadcast in 1925, the Grand Ole Opry is the world's longest running live radio program. It made Nashville famous and is the reason the city is nicknamed "Music City." It is definitely a must-see for any visitor or resident of Nashville.

The Hermitage 4580 Rachel's Lane (615) 889-2941 http://thehermitage.com

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Nashville Predators 770-7825 http://predators.nhl.com/

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Sunday, October 4

Farewell breakfast buffet \$10 per person

Late fees and cancellations

A \$10 late fee will be charged for registering after 5 p.m. CDT Thursday, September 24. If you must cancel your registration, please do so by Thursday, September 24.







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pop and children's series concerts. Now performing at the relatively new Schermerhorn Symphony the internationally acclaimed design and acoustics atmosphere provides yet another reason to attend. Visit their Web site for a full schedule of all performances at the symphony

The Nashville Zoo at Grassmere 3777 Nolensville Rd. (615) 833-1534 www.nashvillezoo.org

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Ryman Auditorium 116 Fifth Ave. N. (615) 889-3060 www.ryman.com

Poets and pickers from Bob Dylan to Bruce Springsteen to Neil Young to Keith Richards to Jack White have marveled at the acoustic perfection of this old tabernacle that was home to the Grand Ole Opry for decades, before the show moved out to Donelson. It is a perfect venue for any type of show. And during the winter months, the Opry returns here for its performances. There also is a museum and tour.

Tennessee Titans LP Field 1 Titans Way

www.titansonline.com

Any football fan will enjoy a trip to The Coliseum to see this Nashville team work its magic. Football is a big deal in Nashville, and the Titans have been sold out since relocating here from Houston (where they were the Oilers). This year, tickets are, as expected, sold out again. But if you can find

for a game, it'll be worth it. Heck, you could just go down on game days to do a bit of tailgating.

Wildhorse Saloon 120 2nd Ave. N. (615) 902-8200

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The Wildhorse Saloon provides a fun experience for any group of friends. Arrive early, since those 10 p.m. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. most nights. The Wildhorse has expanded from the pure country roots to add a regular stream of rock acts, from Ringo Starr to Pat Benatar to Hootie & the Blowfish, but it's still the home of country line dancing. Check it out for a show or for dancing.

MOVIE THEATERS

The Belcourt Theatre 2102 Belcourt Ave. (615) 383-9140 www.belcourt.org

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Regal Green Hills 3815 Green Hills Village Dr. (615) 269-5910

Regal Hollywood 27 719 Thompson Lane (615) 298-3445

For both, check regmovies.com The Regal theaters are the closest multiplex theaters to campus. It is a toss-up as to which one is the better place to go, however. The Green Hills cinema is a bit more upscale but has fewer screens and less seating. Hollywood 27 has

someone unloading their tickets more space, but it is not as nice as Green Hills. You can get discount tickets for Regal Cinemas at the Customer Service desk in the bookstore on the Commodore Card or with cash, so buy your tickets early to save money.

MOVIE RENTALS

under 21 will not be admitted after Across West End Avenue from Towers. Carmichael students have two options for movie rentals and purchases. Blockbuster has a wide variety (over 65,000 titles) of new releases, old classics, entire television seasons and video games. Blockbuster now also has numerous new renting policies, including the ability to rent online and mail your movies back to the store. At FYE, while you cannot rent movies, you can buy music, movies, television box sets, games and music paraphernalia at reasonable prices. For more information, visit their Web sites at www.blockbuster.com and www.fye.com.

SHOPPING

26 White Bridge Rd.

Target will likely be a necessary stop on move-in day, especially if you forget something or plan on buying supplies once you get to town. To get to Target, head down West End Avenue away from downtown for about three miles and turn right on White Bridge Road, then look for the store on the right. The place can be packed on move-in day, so if you need to make a trip, keep the rush in mind and try not to go at peak hours.

The Mall at Green Hills 2126 Abbott Martin Rd.

At the closest mall to campus, you'll find Express, The Gap, J.Crew and Banana Republic alongside higher-end clothing boutiques such as bebe, Betsey Johnson and Cache. To get to Green Hills, just head south down 21st Avenue away from campus and you'll see it on your right after about three miles.

Opry Mills 433 Opry Mills Dr.

This expansive mall offers 200 stores, restaurants and event venues, including Off 5th Saks 5th Avenue Outlet, Nike Factory Store and Old Navy. It's also fun to explore the beautiful Gaylord Opryland Resort, with three incredible indoor atriums complete with waterfalls and tropical plants — and more than 20 places to eat.

Boutique Bella 2817 West End Ave. (in Park Place shopping center)

Boutique Bella specializes in high fashion for the collegiate crowd. There's a huge assortment of jeans by Juicy Couture, Marc by Marc Jacobs, Blue Cult, Red Engine and other high-end brands, and a diverse selection of club clothes, lingerie, jewelry and accessories.

Pangaea 1721 21st Ave. S.

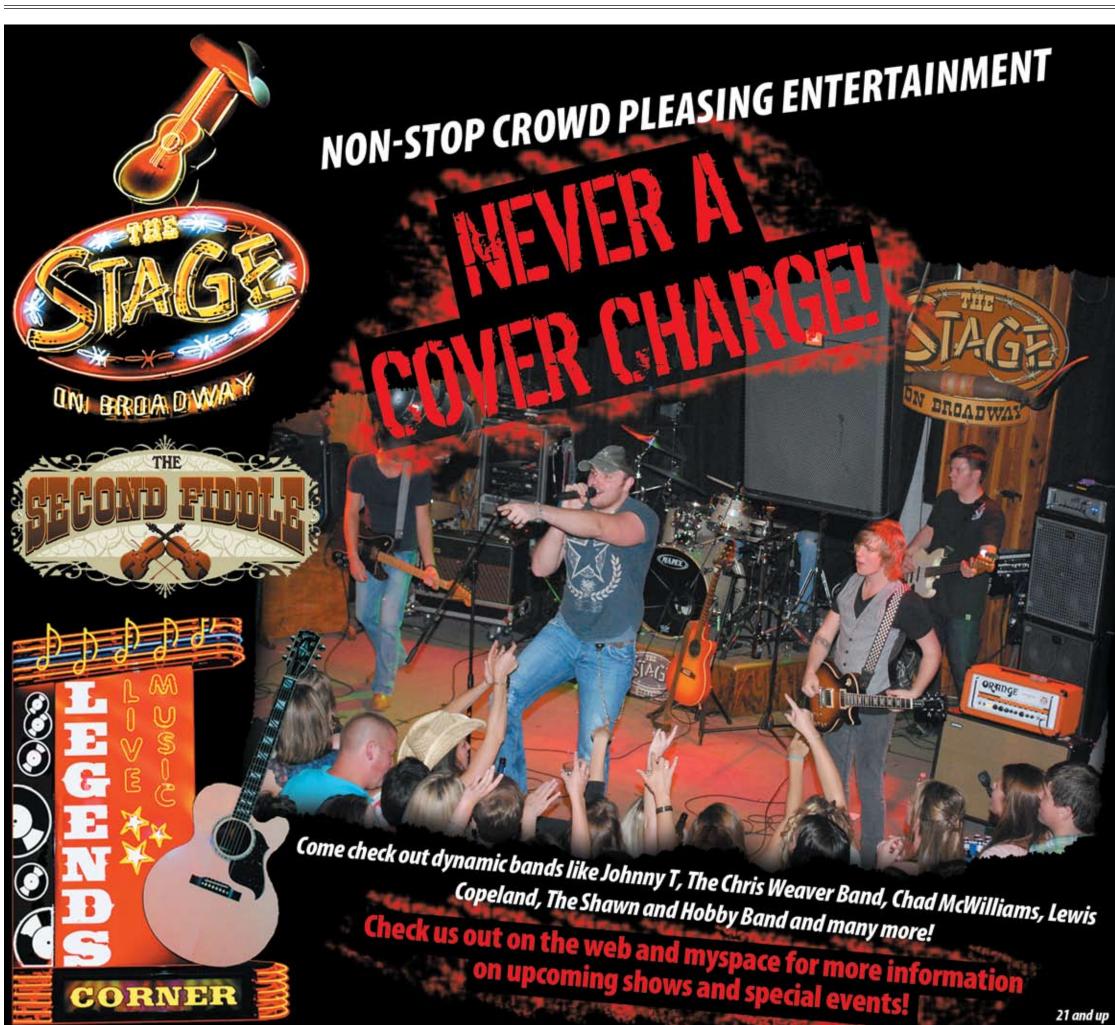
Pangaea offers comfortable, earthy clothing, interesting jewelry and many novelty items that are kitschy and fun. The store has a natural, worldly vibe and offers brands such as Free People and Beau Bois. Their casual dresses and skirts, along with the selection of unique items to decorate your dorm room, make it a great place to shop close to campus.

Cumberland Transit 2807 West End Ave.

For the more outdoorsy and athletic types, Cumberland Transit is the place to go for biking, hiking, camping and other sporting supplies. They also have a great selection of The North Face, Patagonia, Mountain Hardwear and Marmot outerwear in case you forgot to bring a jacket. They also carry the popular Rainbow flip-flops.

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MUSIC VENUES

Everyone knows Nashville is Music City, but it's not all cowboy hats and steel guitars — a wide variety of live music can be enjoyed at some fine venues throughout the city. Be sure to check the age requirements before going to a venue because there's nothing like waiting in line for 30 minutes to find out it's a 21-and-up show when you're only 18.

The Basement 1604 8th Ave. S. www.thebasementnashville.com (615) 254-8006

Underneath Grimey's is the aptly named Basement. Cover charges here are usually cheap, and the venue routinely books some of the best local talent, as well as a few smaller national and regional independent acts. The Basement is just the sort of laid-back place you'd expect to find underneath a record store, since it really is just somebody's basement after all.

The End 2219 Elliston Place (615) 321-4457

Some of the best Nashville bands play at The End. The venue has a punk-rock vibe, and can get a bit crowded for big shows, sometimes uncomfortably so, but with the right music, it hardly matters that the sweaty guy next to you keeps bumping into you. If your favorite indie act hasn't hit the big time yet, there's a chance you might catch them at The End if they come to town. When a popular band comes to town, be sure to get there early, as The End doesn't sell advanced tickets.

Exit/In 2208 Elliston Place www.exitin.com (615) 321-3340

Across the street from The End is the slightly larger Exit/In. The bigger size means the Exit/In usually books acts that are a bit more mainstream than ones you'll find at The End. The vibe here is a bit more classic rock, with more emphasis on rock 'n roll than

experimentation. Nothing is hard and fast, however, and that random indie pop band might make its way to Exit/In anyway if it will bring in enough fans.

Mercy Lounge 1 Cannery Row www.mercylounge.com (615) 248-9494

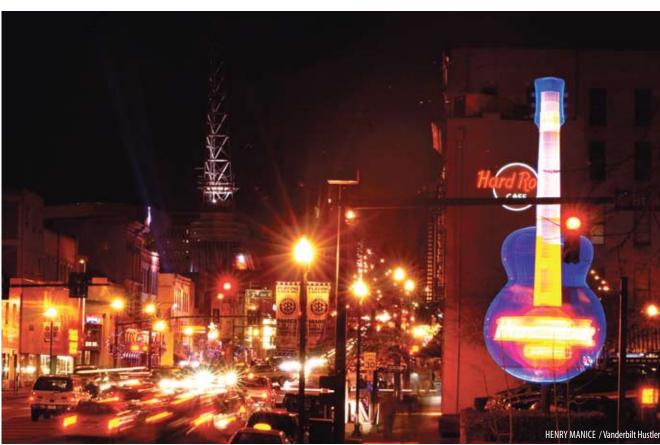
The Mercy Lounge plays up the hipster vibe with a well-decorated interior and a lineup of popular indie acts and local virtuosos but never takes itself too seriously. The laid-back atmosphere attracts a somewhat older crowd than the pair of Elliston venues, and the acts often match, showing a bit more subtlety. Unfortunately, the hip factor can sometimes get in the way of just enjoying the show.

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

The former home of the Grand Ole Opry, many of the great names in country and folk music have graced the stage of the Ryman. Though it's known as the Mother Church of Country Music, any sort of music sounds good at the Ryman, and the diverse schedule proves it, with a wide range of genres and performers now gracing the stage. The last few years have included monumental shows by Bob Dylan (with Elvis Costello and Jack White), Bruce Springsteen and Neil Young. The building is known for perfect acoustics. And during the winter months, the Opry returns here for its regular shows.

Grand Ole Opry 2804 Opryland Drive www.opry.com

Even if you can't stand country music, a trip to the Opry will at least be educational. You never know who will show up at the Opry, and the lineup changes constantly. Nashville is the home of country music after all, so why not pay the epicenter a visit while you're in town?



NASHVILLE AT BROADWAY AND SECOND AVENUE

DINING

Even though you are on the Vandy meal plan, do not pass up the great restaurants in Nashville. Unique menus abound around campus, ranging from traditionally southern to fusion cuisines. Many options are friendly to a college student's budget, but make sure to note the pricier choices to make the most of mom and dad's next visit to Nashville.

handmade w bakedinabrick Pizza takes a of jerk shrimp with scallions, mozzarella che (abana 1910 Belcourt A (615) 577-2262 www.cabanana

Boscos 1805 21st Ave. S. (615) 385-0050 www.boscosbeer.com Menu: American Price- \$6-25 Dress: Casual

Although the front of the building appears small, Boscos is a deep restaurant with the capacity to seat many. Tall ceilings and massive, contemporary light fixtures add to the modern, converted-warehouse atmosphere of the restaurant. The no-frills bar at the restaurant front serves Boscos' award-winning beer. Six beers are always on tap, including the Flaming Stone tap, the most

recent award winner. Appetizers are plentiful, with large portions to share. Boscos is known for their handmade wheat-crust pizza, bakedinabrickoven. The Jamaican Pizza takes a Caribbean favorite of jerk shrimp, and combines it with scallions, peppers and fresh mozzarella cheese.

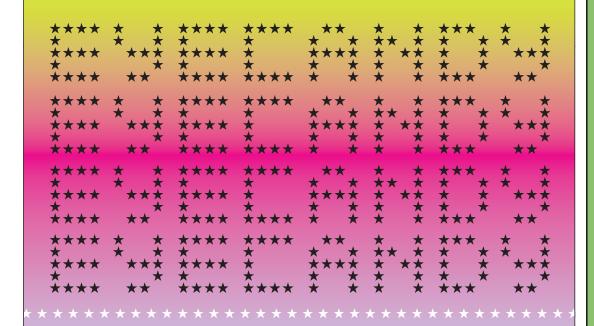
Cabana
1910 Belcourt Ave.
(615) 577-2262
www.cabananashville.com
Menu: Southern
Price: Small plates \$5-10, large
plates \$10-15
Dress: Casual

Cabana melds a sleek, trendy atmosphere with trademarked "Casual Southern Comfort Cuisine." The namesake cabanas line the hall, converting into private rooms for you and seven friends. Reservations are recommended for cabanas, so call ahead. The menu features unique takes on pub mainstays with a nod toward Dixie roots, including an unconventional rendition of Tennessee sliders with sweet potato biscuits and chicken or ham. Several grilled seafood options, customizable pizzas and vegetarian-friendly Soysage and pasta entrees are also available. The cuisine showcases local and organic ingredients. The kitchen serves a full menu until 2 a.m.

Cafe Nonna 4427 Murphy Road (615) 463-0133 www.cafenonna.com Menu: Italian Price: \$15-20 Dress: Casual

At this cozy Italian eatery, wooden tables and a tiny bar adorn the simply furnished but warm interior and small adjoining patio. Pleasant servers bring baskets of freshly baked Tuscan bread as you peruse the menu and formidable wine list. The menu is small but varied, offering classic trattoria appetizers and a variety of enormous salads. Mixand-match pasta options permit combining your favorite pasta with a plethora of sauces and vegetable and meat toppings. The highly recommended Seafood Angelina comes with generous portions of mussels, shrimp, scallops and clams.

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The Loveless Cafe 8400 Highway 100 (615) 646-9700 www.lovelesscafe.com Menu: Southern Price: \$10-20

A great place to go when your family comes to town, The Loveless Cafe has been serving traditional comfort food in a distinctly Southern atmosphere since 1951. The Loveless is nationally acclaimed and serves up Nashville's favorite scratch biscuits. In addition, there are a variety of unique shops occupying the former motel grounds around the cafe.

Miro District Food & Drink 1922 Adelicia St. 320-1119

www.mirodistrictnashville.com Menu: Mediterranean/Italian Price: Entrees \$17-28, sandwiches start at \$9

Dress: Polished Casual

Within walking distance of campus, you can experience the flavors of the Mediterranean with the tastes of Tennessee at miro district food & drink, located at the base of the Adelicia Condos. Relax on the patio with a daily selection of antipasti or an authentic Italian salad, or savor fresh seafood and plentiful pastas for dinner in miro district's Italian Cafe dining room. Perfect for a date night or casual patio dining with friends.

Mirror Restaurant 2317 12th Ave. S. (615) 383-8330 www.eatdrinkreflect.com **Menu: International Fusion** Price: Tapas plates \$3-10, large plates \$15-25

Dress: Hipster chic At Mirror, a huge fractured mirror mosaic covers one wall, reflecting sheer drapery lit in cool tones and chandeliers reminiscent of disco balls. The atmosphere is sleek and modern, replete with metal chairs and small candle-topped wooden tables. Mirror is first and foremost a tapas restaurant, and it is here that the menu shines. Only a few bites apiece, these small offerings can be enjoyed with drinks or several can be combined to make a meal. The blue cheese polenta fries served with charred tomato dipping sauce are not to be missed. Likewise for the vegetarian tamales filled with unlikely but delicious chipotle-



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chocolate quinoa.

Monell's 1235 6th Ave. N. (615) 248-4747 Menu: Southern, Meat-and-Three Price: \$10-20 **Dress: Casual**

When you're ready to vacate your dorm room and venture out of the Vanderbubble to breathe in the fresh air of some of Nashville's vibrant locales, head over to Monell's, in the historic Germantown neighborhood, to be embraced by abounding happiness. Don't forget your manners while you get to know some new best friends because Monell's serves a family-style feast to tables of 12. Menus have no bearing here because all patrons are lavished with the same hearty dishes of Southern cuisine. You may need to pace yourself; this culinary tour is brought out in flights, and you will not want to exempt yourself from any of what they have to

The Pancake Pantry 1796 21st Ave. S. (615) 383-9333 Menu: Breakfast and lunch

Price: \$10-20 **Dress: Casual**

The Pancake Pantry begins to bustle every morning of the week at 6 a.m. They serve a huge variety of pancakes, as well as other breakfast and lunch foods. You will wait a while to be seated. especially on weekends, but the staff generally knows how to move people through quickly.

Park Cafe 4403 Murphy Rd. (615) 383-4409 www.parkcafenashville.com **Menu: International fusion** Price: \$15-30 **Dress: Snappy Casual**

This wildly eclectic restaurant fuses diverse cuisines ranging from Asian to Cajun, and most other countries spanning the globe between. The chef pays great attention to the visual presentation of each dish; each plate is multihued and painstakingly arranged. The scallops with coconut rice are huge and perfectly finished. Top it all off with chef/owner Willie Thomas' signature creme brulee. The ambience matches the food, with the dining space split into small rooms of several

tables apiece and walls adorned with fanciful fare. The one flaw: The small indoor dining rooms tend to amplify the noise of other patrons, so don't expect a quiet romantic experience.

Sole Mio 311 3rd Ave. S. (615) 256-4013 www.solemionash.com Menu: Italian **Price: \$12-24**

Dress: Snappy casual to formal Ample spacing between tables and cordial, respectful servers support Sole Mio's intimate nature. The restaurant is decorated with bright, colorful murals, and the best of Italian opera serenades you as you dine. A heavy Northern Italian style permeates the dishes, with different types of robust tomato and heavy cream sauces; eight pasta dishes can be mixed with the sauces. In this case, the most traditional dishes are the best: Tortellini with a simple tomato and sausage sauce beats all expectations. The veal marsala and penne with the simple tomato sauce boasts two contrasting flavors that will keep

South Street 907 20th Ave S. (615) 320-5555 http://pansouth.net/southstreet Menu type: Southern Price Range: \$6-25 **Dress: Casual**

you on your toes.

South Street offers neighborhood atmosphere is what keeps Nashvillians coming back. Decorated as a tree house, it can only be described as eclectic. The menu is broad, featuring seafood, barbecue, various sandwiches and a list of daily specials, including pumped chicken and pulled pork. The baby back ribs are St. Louis-style, so they are not dripping in sauce. Can't decide what you want? South Street offers a sampler platter (\$35.95 or \$62.95) of their favorites to be split between two or four diners, but it could feed more than the suggested amount.



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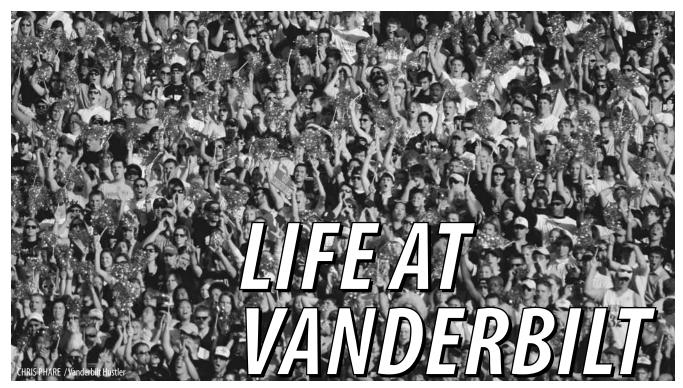
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It might seem like a lot of fun and games, but there is a lot more to college life than parties and tailgates. In this section, The Hustler answers your most pressing Vanderbilt-specific questions, from the serious — like how to contact VUPD in case of an emergency — to the not-so-serious — like how to buy Wendy's on the Commodore Card.

CAMPUS LIFE

Q: HOW DO I GET AROUND CAMPUS?

Vandy Vans

The Vanderbilt University Police Department administers the VandyVans escort system. VandyVans provides transportation to designated locations on campus. Vans operate from 5 p.m. to 5 a.m.

The main route makes a continuous loop around campus, taking approximately 30 minutes, and makes the following 10 stops: Police Headquarters, Branscomb Quad, 24th Avenue between Carmichael Towers East and West, Kirkland esplanade at Kissam Quad, Wesley Place Garage, North Hall, the Blair School of Music, Highland Quad at Morgan Circle and McGugin Center.

The express route stops at the following locations: Branscomb Quad, Carmichael Towers, Kirkland esplanade at Kissam Quad, North Hall and Highland Quad at Morgan Circle.

The direct route, which operates on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, stops at Branscomb, Towers and North Hall.

As a supplement to VandyVans, Vanderbilt Police Department provides walking escorts to students, faculty and staff walking to and from any location on campus during the nighttime hours. The telephone number to call for a walking escort is (615) 421-8888 (cell phone) or 1-8888 (on campus).

Bikes

Register your bicycle with VUPD to increase your chances of it being returned if it is stolen. Bikes should be locked when not in use. U locks or thick cables are

best. When you lock your bike, secure it as much as possible to the bike rack. There are plenty of racks around campus, but a fence or handrail will do fine in a pinch.

Q: HOW DO I GET AROUND NASHVILLE?

Metropolitan Transit Authority

Visit www.nashvillemta.org for schedules and rates. You can pay your fare when you board the bus, but if you become a regular rider, you'll want to stop by the ticket booth for an all-day pass, weekly pass or other multi-ride ticket. MTA now offers online sales.

Cabs

Some cab services can be paid with Cab Cash, fake dollars that can be purchased with your Commodore Card in any Varsity Market. When you call a cab, ask if that company accepts Cab Cash — otherwise plan to pay with regular cash. And always make sure to tip your driver. Here is a list of some of the taxi companies in Nashville:

- Allied Cab: (615) 883-2323
- Kennedy Cab: (615) 256-9602
- Nashville Cab: (615) 242-7070
 American Taxi: (615) 865-4100
- Checker Cab: (615) 256-7000
- United Cab: (615) 228-6969Yellow Cab Inc.: (615) 256-0101

Q: WHAT IF I GET SICK?

Emergency Services

Emergency consultation services are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week during regular school sessions by calling 322-2427. On-call nurse practitioners will assist students and resident advisers in making decisions about acute or urgent illnesses and injuries, as well as the use of emergency services. Vanderbilt Emergency handles Department between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. In the case of severe injury or illness, students should go directly to the emergency room.

Charges

There is no fee for services provided on-site at the Zerfoss Student Health Center, including seeing a nurse practitioner or physician, or for some lab tests performed at the center. Other lab tests are sent to outside laboratories, and fees for these tests may be paid at the time of checkout or billed directly to the student's insurance company the outside laboratory. Medications from the dispensary and supplies can be paid for with cash, check or Commodore Card, or billed to the student's account. The health center does not bill insurance companies directly. Procedures or tests done outside the center will be billed directly to the student's insurance company and are ultimately the patient's responsibility.

Q: WHAT DO I NEED FOR

MY DORM ROOM?

Bedbathandbeyond.com and similar Web sites provide good lists of things you will need for a dorm room, although you probably do not need everything on the list. Make sure you have power strips and extension cords because there are usually few outlets, and they are often in inconvenient places. You need linens for a twin extralong bed — regular twin sheets usually do not work. A portable fan is also a nice addition because it can help provide air circulation in small rooms and drown out noise from the hall or next door. School supplies can be bought on campus after you decide the best way to organize your things for class. It is nice to have a television, microwave and refrigerator. Any kind of closet organizers and space-saving organizers are useful, but it is easier to decide what you need once you see your room — and how the stuff you have doesn't seem like it will all fit. Make sure you have plenty of decorations to make the room your own; you will spend a lot of time there, so you need to make sure it is comfortable. A rug and floor cushions are nice for when friends visit, so everyone has somewhere to sit. You will definitely need a shower caddy for the community

Q: HOW DO I LIVE WITH A ROOMMATE?

bathroom.

You should get in touch with your roommate ahead of time to introduce yourself and decide who will contribute what to the room. Make an effort to accommodate your roommate's needs. When you meet your roommate, remember that first impressions can be deceiving. Everyone is nervous, and if your roommate is shy or even kind of obnoxious, he or she is probably just uncomfortable in the situation. Make sure to include your new roommate in your plans for the day. When determining how to set up the room to maximize the little space you

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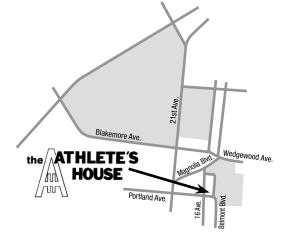
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Information from ITS and Resnet www.vanderbilt.edu/resnet

If you plan to bring or buy a computer, be sure it meets the ResNet requirements and your particular school's criteria.

- Anti-virus software: Make sure you computer's operating system has been updated for optimal security. You can download anti-virus software for free from the ITS Web site.
- VUnetID: Your ID gives you access to all of the online services you need as a Vanderbilt student, so be sure to authorize and activate it as soon as possible. You will use it to identify yourself to essential online services and resources, such as Webmail and OASIS. For security reasons, you should not give your VUnetID or password to your parents or anyone else.

Computer Services

Become familiar with online services

available to you at Vanderbilt. Here are some you can access once you authorize your VUnetID.

- **VUspace:** Vanderbilt's networked storage
- OASIS: Used to register for courses.
- OAK: Online Access to Knowledge, a Webbased courseware application. Instructors can post course-related information for students and conduct courses in a secure online environment, as well as communicate with class members.
- MS Student Select Program: Enables Vanderbilt to sell licenses for Microsoft software to students at reducing prices.
- **Heard Library:** Access to databases, electronic journals and other services.
- **PeopleFinder:** Online contact database for the Vanderbilt community.
- Access 2 Academic Information: Allows students to access their personal academic record online, including grades and credits earned.

In addition to these services, there are some labs on campus available free of charge to all students. On main campus, these are located in Garland Hall, Wilson Hall and Stevenson Center; on Peabody campus, the labs are located in Hobbs and the Wyatt Center. The labs feature word processing, spreadsheets and instructional software, as well as access to the Internet and other resources. Staff in the labs are generally familiar with the software and can provide assistance on a walk-in basis. For more information about

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Q: HOW DO I STAY SAFE ON CAMPUS?

Walking Escort Service

As a supplement to the Medical Center Shuttle Service and Vandy Vans, VUPD provides walking escorts to students, faculty and staff walking to and from any location on campus during the nighttime hours.

- 1-8888 on campus
- 421-8888 from a non-campus phone

Safety tips from VUPD

Personal Safety

- Walk or jog in groups or three or
- Avoid isolated or dark areas.
- •Travel with confidence and purpose.
- Do not wear earphones while walking or jogging.
- Know the locations of emergency phones.
- Do not use ATMs at night.
- Stay alert, and plan ahead for "What if?"

Residential/Workplace Safety

- Know your neighbors; you are the best to determine who does
- not belong. • Do not prop open exterior
- If you come in through a cardaccess door, do not allow
- strangers to enter with you. • They should have their own keys or codes.
- Always lock your door when you leave.

• Get involved. If you see someone suspicious or out of place, call VUPD.

• Lock your door while you sleep.

Protecting Your Property

- Register your bicycle with VUPD.
- Mark and record your belongings' serial numbers through VUPD's Operation ID. See http://police. vanderbilt.edu/opid.htm more information.
- Coats, backpacks and purses should remain with you and be locked up.

O: WHO DO I CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY?

Emergencies

1-1911 on campus (615) 421-1911 off campus

Dispatcher/Routine Business

2-2745 on campus (615) 322-2745 off campus

VandyVans/Escorts

1-8888 on campus (615) 421-8888 off campus

Community Relations

2-2558 on campus (615) 322-2558 off campus

Criminal Investigations Division

2-2204 on campus (615) 322-2204 off campus

Comments/Suggestions

2-2558 on campus (615) 322-2558 off campus

Q: HOW DO I USE MY **COMMODORE CARD?**

The Commodore Card is more than your ID card. Use it to make cash-free purchases at all campus retail locations that accept the card as a method of payment, as well as to access campus buildings such as residence halls, academic buildings, sporting events and the libraries. Manage your account

http://www.vanderbilt.edu/ commodorecard/, where you can

sign up to get alerts when your balance is low, add funds, check your balance and even order delivery from restaurants on the card. You can also add money or ask questions at the Commodore Card Office in Sarratt 184. The Commodore Card is also your meal plan ticket, so make sure you take it with you to eat.

Q: HOW DO I USE MY MEAL PLAN?

First-year students are automatically on this plan:

- 3 Meals daily you choose three out of the four meals per day
- 1 meal/meal period
- \$200 Meal Money/Semester
- Rollover is a feature of the 14 and
- 10 Flex Meals/Semester
- Price: \$2,225/semester

The meal periods are:

- Period 1: midnight to 7 a.m.
- Period 2: 7 to 11 a.m.
- Period 3: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Period 4: 4:30 to midnight p.m.

Meals for the week begin Saturday at 12:01 a.m. Rollover for missed meals is \$3.10 and is posted to your Meal Money account Friday night. Rollover is capped at \$50 per week.

Meal plans are comprised of meals and Meal Money. Meals are combinations of food at campus locations, while Meal Money provides flexibility to buy groceries and snacks on campus and at various local restaurants around campus in the Taste of Nashville program. Go to www.vanderbilt. edu/dining to learn more.

Q: WHERE CAN I EAT OFF CAMPUS ON THE CARD?

The meal plan provides you with a Meal Money account that can be used to purchase food at all oncampus restaurants and Varsity Markets, as well as participating off-campus restaurants through the Taste of Nashville program. Use your Commodore Card as



Students eating and socializing in the Commons Dining hall.

you would a debit card at the participating restaurants. The money will be debited from your

Meal Money, which includes rollover money unused from your weekly meal plan.

Participating Restaurants: Best Wok

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210 Louise Ave.

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205 22nd Ave. N

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Laundry facilities are also located in every residential area. Consult your RA for the nearest facility. Washers and dryers are

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Q: WHERE DO I BUY BOOKS?

First try Amazon.com or another online retailer for the cheapest prices on used books — sometimes the shipping can take a while, so make sure you order well in advance. You can find a list of books you will need for your courses at the Vanderbilt Bookstore Web site by searching for the course number and section. If you decide to take the more convenient route and buy your books at the bookstore, you can pay by Commodore Card, cash, credit card or check. Try to get used books because they are less expensive, but check the books to make sure they are in good shape, especially in the binding and amount of markings. The bookstore can get very crowded in the beginning of school, but there is a smaller crowd early in the morning. It is often wise to attend the first few days of classes to make sure you are not going to change your schedule before you buy your books.

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Q: HOW DO I GET **INVOLVED ON CAMPUS?**

At first, it's very important to get involved in the group activities with your dorm and orientation group. This is a great way to meet new people and get to know your way around Vanderbilt. In addition, make sure to attend the Vanderbilt Activities Fair to talk to students about the variety of opportunities available on campus. Here are more resources for finding a student group that fits your interests.

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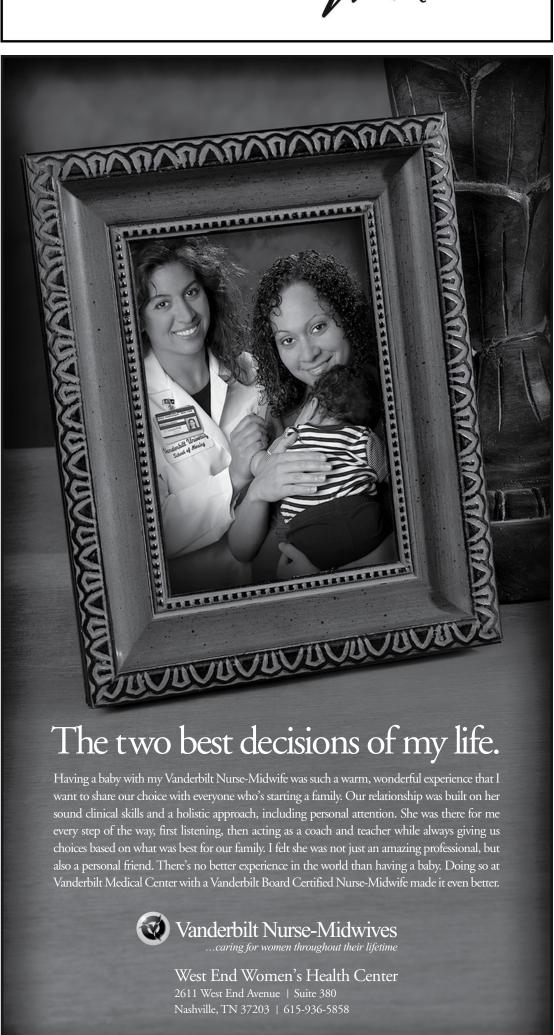




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Athletics

The Student Recreation Center offers classes on subjects from yoga to hip-hop funk aerobics, as well as more than 40 intramural sports and a great club sports program with teams that compete with other schools across the country in golf, sailing, rugby and water polo, among others. Located on Children's Way between 25th Avenue S. and Natchez Trace, the Rec is easy to find. Heading from Branscomb, walktoward Memorial Gymnasium and follow the road to the Rec, passing Hawkins Field and the Currey Tennis Center on the way. It's free to use as long as students bring their Commodore Card. Students can use the Rec's facilities for workouts, swimming and games of basketball, racquetball and ping-pong. More information is available on the Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/ CampusRecreation/index.html or

Dance

at the Rec Center.

Vanderbilt Dance Program provides a curriculum of dance classes in all areas and levels of expertise. The program offers classes in ballet, tap, jazz, funk, modern, hip-hop, Irish, Spanish, Bharatanatyam — the classical dance of India - belly dance, ballroom, swing, tango and Latin, plus Pilates and yoga. Instructors are highly experienced and encourage students to reach their highest potential. About 45 classes are scheduled each week and are held in the Vanderbilt Dance Program studios located near the north lobby of Memorial Gym. Drop-ins are welcome at all classes unless otherwise noted. The program offers live accompaniment with excellent musicians for all modern and ballet classes. You can find out more at www.vanderbilt.edu/ dance/about.html.

Student Government

Interhall, Vanderbilt's residential life government, and the Student Government Association dissolved into one central body in February 2007, known now as Vanderbilt Student Government, VSG now takes on all of the responsibilities and services that were previously offered by both organizations, including sponsoring annual events, cultural symposiums and service projects. VSG works to ensure that Vanderbilt students' social and academic needs are met and that students are included in every step of the decision-making process. The organization is headed by President Wyatt Smith and consists of a bicameral legislature, with a House of Representatives and a Senate. There is also system of the following committees: Athletics, Campus Services, Community Service, Organizational Relations, Security, Student Services and Technology, Environmental Affairs. Students can run for positions in either house during elections this fall. For more information, visit the organization's Web site at http:// studentorgs.vanderbilt.edu/vsg/.

Sarratt Art Studios are located in rooms 123, 128 and 129 of the Sarratt Student Center. The Sarratt Art Studio Program offers a variety of non-credit classes and opportunities to use the facilities. Visit the Web site at www.vanderbilt.edu/Sarratt/art for the schedule of classes. There are many vocal and dramatic groups on Vanderbilt's campus, including VUTheatre, Vanderbilt Off Broadway, Swingin' Dores, Vanderbilt Symphonic Choir, the Dodecs and more. You can find

out more about all of these groups at the Student Organizations Fair.

Student Media

You learn can more about Vanderbilt Student Communications and how to get involved with one of the many publications and productions by visiting www.vscmedia.org.

- The Vanderbilt Hustler: This publication is the student newspaper on campus. As the oldest newspaper in Nashville, The Hustler has been the voice of Vanderbilt since 1888 and runs two days a week. To get involved, e-mail editor@insidevandy.com.
- Versus: This weekly guide to entertainment and the arts at and around the Vanderbilt University campus runs every Wednesday. It's generally a "what to do" and "where to do it" guide to enjoying life as a Vanderbilt student. To get involved, e-mail versus@ insidevandy.com.
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- *The Slant:* This humor and satire magazine is designed to provide students with an alternate way to express themselves. The Slant strives to be a casual, humorous, thought-provoking publication. To get involved, visit www. theslant.net.
- Vanderbilt Torch: The Torch is Vanderbilt's award-winning conservative and libertarian magazine. To get involved, visit www.vutorch.com and check out the blog at www.vandyright.
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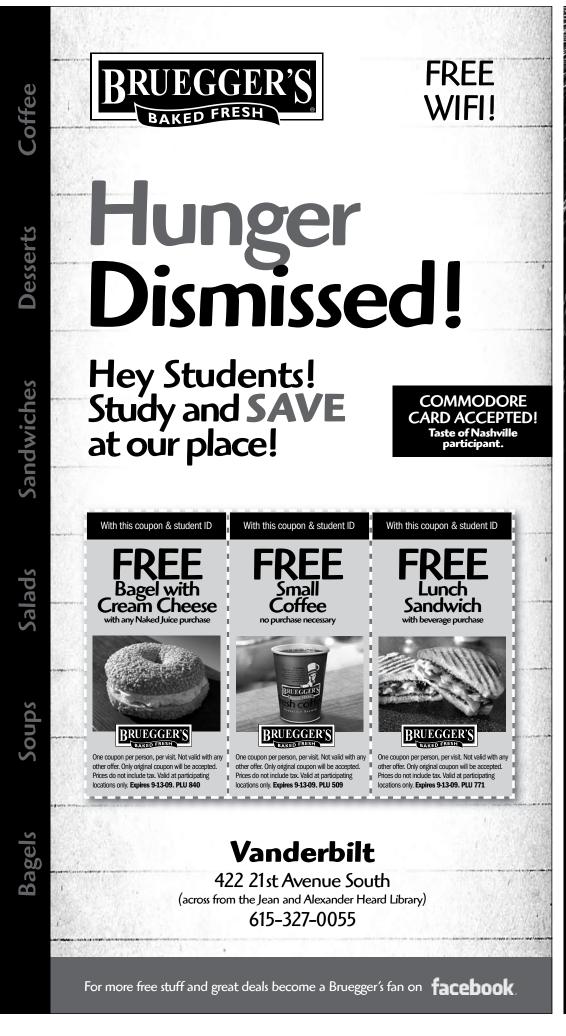
It also serves as a forum for the discussion of social, political and religious commentary. To get involved, visit www. vanderbiltorbis.com or the blog at http://blorbis.wordpress.com.

- *The Talented Tenth:* The Talented Tenth focuses on the lives and experiences of black students on campus. The paper is named after a term coined by W.E.B. Du Bois and aims to tell the campus about life at Vandy from a minority experience. For information, visitwww.vscmedia. org/talentedtenth.html.
- •The Vanderbilt Review: This annual publication is the university's official student literature and arts journal. The Review includes refereed work in fiction, poetry, drama, art and photography from students, alumni and university affiliates. For information, visit www.vscmedia.org/review.html.
- The Vanderbilt Political Review: Vanderbilt's newest student publication, this nonpartisan political science journal features academic essays pertaining current political, social and economic events that are written by any student, faculty or Vanderbilt alumnus who wishes

to submit. To get involved on the staff or to submit an essay (up to 1,000 words) of your own, e-mail vanderbiltpoliticalreview@ gmail.com.

- The Commodore: As the university's official student yearbook, The Commodore provides a history in pictures and copy each year at Vanderbilt University, creating continuity for future generations of students. To get involved, e-mail commodore@vanderbilt.
- WRVU: This media outlet is the university's official student educational noncommercial, radio station. It broadcasts educational, informational and entertainment programming to the campus and greater Middle Tennessee community. To get involved, e-mail wrvugm@gmail. com.
- VTV: Vanderbilt Television is the university's official student television station. It broadcasts educational, informational and entertainment programming to the campus. To get involved, e-mail VandyTV@gmail.com.

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Q: I WANT TO JOIN A FRATERNITY OR SORORITY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Greek organizations have been a part of the campus for more than 150 years, dating back to before Vanderbilt University was founded. "Going Greek" remains a popular option for many students at Vanderbilt. More than 40 percent of undergraduate students belong to a fraternity or sorority, with more than 2,700 students in 34 chapters.

- *Get good grades.* Academic success is very important in the Greek community. Those seeking membership must meet chapters' minimum GPA requirements, ranging from a 2.3 to a 3.0.
- *Get involved on campus.* Being involved can help you meet members of fraternities and sororities, and it shows that you want to be an active part of the Vanderbilt community.
- Be thoughtful with your actions. Greek chapters do not wish to have new members that damage their reputation — have fun, but be responsible.
- Attend Greek events. There are many events during the semester where first-year students can meet members of the fraternities and sororities, including benefits, philanthropy events, social events, service projects and Greek Week.
- Have an open mind. Do your research and find out what the chapters stand for before making any decisions. There are 37 chapters at Vanderbilt, each with its own positive attributes.
- *Be yourself.* The Greek community is a popular option for involvement on campus but not the only one. Don't make decisions about whether or not to join or which chapter to join just based on what others tell you make the decision for yourself.
- Attend the Greek Life information session. In the fall, representatives from the Greek community will tell you about the Greek experience and recruitment process and to answer any questions you have. For more information about this or any other aspect of Greek life, contact the Office of Greek Life in 339 Sarratt or e-mail

greeklife@vanderbilt.edu. You can also call (615) 322-2048 or go to http://www.vanderbilt.edu/greek_life.

Q: HOW DO I BUY CLOTHES FOR COLLEGE?

First of all, buy plenty of underwear and socks. Mom's not there to wash them for you anymore, so you will go through them quickly. Buy mostly casual clothes, for studying and for class. At Vanderbilt, a rain jacket from an outdoors store is a good investment because you will wear it often. Nashville experiences all four seasons, and the winters can get pretty cold, so make sure you have a heavy coat and warm shoes. Also, bring athletic clothes for working out or outdoor activities. Make sure you have comfortable shoes because you will walk more often than you think. Bring at least one nice outfit for social events, interviews and other dressy occasions. Steer away from clothes that are difficult to wash if you don't want to dryclean a lot; Vanderbilt's washers aren't exactly gentle. Additionally, many parties at Vanderbilt are themed, where students dress up in costumes, so you might want to throw in old Halloween accessories so you are prepared for some of the themed social events. Also, make sure you have rubber flip-flops for the shower.

Q: WHAT DO I WEAR?

In an effort to acclimate incoming firstyear students to college life fashion dos and don'ts, we have compiled checklists for fashionable and functional options for girls and guys. These are just a few points to get you started — remember to always make an outfit your own!

Women's fashion

• What to wear to class:

While Vanderbilt is often heralded as a school where girls wear runway-ready ensembles to class, when you arrive on campus, you will see this is hardly the case. Vandy girls come to class dressed in everything from sundresses to sweatpants, and anything in between is completely acceptable. For those days when you'd like to go to class in your pajamas, you can achieve a semi-pulled together look by trading in your ratty high school basketball sweatpants for **CONTINUED** on page 12





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Seniors Meryl Lester and TJ Owens walk in the rain near The Commons.

yoga pants or velour sweats. Add a clean t-shirt and a baseball cap, and you're good to go!

Yet, for the days when you're ready to put together an awardwinning outfit, try these options. For warm weather, denim skirts, flip-flops, bright-colored shorts or Capripants, and cotton dresses all work well. If you're wearing a tank top or short sleeves, bring a cardigan or denim jacket, because classrooms can get chilly sometimes. For cold weather, many girls live in jeans, sweatshirts, sweaters, fleece jackets and comfortable shoes like Uggs, Birkenstocks and cowboy boots.

Backpacks

While in middle and high school it may have been all the rage to have your name or initials monogrammed on your lime green L.L. Bean backpack, in college, school bags work a bit differently. While some girls wear backpacks (mostly in subtle colors like black or gray), many carry tote bags from such brands as L.L. Bean, Herve Chapelier, Vineyard Vines, Vera Bradley or Longchamp. You can also check stores like Urban Outfitters for funkier options. Pick one in a color that transcends seasons and doesn't clash with your usual color palette.

Rainy days

One of the downsides of Nashville's temperate climate is that it rains pretty often here. Downpours often happen out of nowhere, so keep your umbrella tucked inside your bag at all times. Yet, other rainwear accessories are also helpful in the fight to keep dry, including a cute and bright-colored raincoat, some sort of hat (either a baseball cap or a water-resistant bucket hat) and of course, a pair of rain boots. You may think you won't need them, but spend one day traipsing around campus with soaking wet flip-flops or tennis shoes, and you will realize how crucial they really are.

Nighttime attire

Depending on what you will be doing at night, you have a great variety of fashionable options. Dark blue jeans are a staple and can be paired with bright, patterned tops or simple black shirts. Depending on the weather, jersey dresses, denim skirts and fancy shorts are also appropriate. Many girls wear high heels, but flipflops, cowboy boots or nice flats work just as well. If it's cold, remember to bring a fleece or cardigan, especially if you have a long walk from your dorm to wherever you are going.

Special occasions

One of the most loved traditions for many students here at Vanderbilt is dressing up for football games. Guys generally wear khakis or chino shorts, a button-down shirt and a tie, while girls wear sundresses or a nice skirt. Popular brands include Lilly Pulitzer, J.Crew, Ella Moss, Ralph Lauren and Molly B. Informal dresses are best, in a light fabric like cotton or jersey. When shopping for a dress, think family barbecue, not semi-formal — it is just a daytime affair. Flip-flops are the most wearable, especially for standing and cheering on the

bleachers. Also, try to bring one cocktail dress for events like fraternity semi-formals, formal events at the university (like the famous Chancellor's Ball) or a dressy night out on the town to the opera or symphony. Black is always classic, but don't be afraid to mix it up with a bold color or print. As always, make sure to express your personal style in everything you wear!

Do it all without breaking the bank

For some, these suggestions may have you contemplating your bank account and asking, "How am I ever going to pay for all that?" However, many girls have similar monetary dilemmas but still manage to look just

as fashionable and trendy as those without a financial care in the world. How? Stores like Forever 21 and Target, and Web sites like Overstock.com and Bluefly.com make looking good on a budget effortless. These stores are perfect for buying those trendy pieces that may or may not be popular next month. Mix your inexpensive finds with your classic pieces, like designer jeans or timeless sweaters. These stores and their low prices should help you keep a balanced bank account while you keep up with seasonal trends, and because they often have a lot of merchandise to choose from, they also ensure that you can create a look that is uniquely you.

Men's fashion

• Invest in a good pair of jeans:

A nice pair of jeans can really spice things up, especially when they act as a substitute for the daily worn pair your mom picked out for you freshman year.

That said, your jeans should never be as tight as a girl's.

What brands are the best to invest in when buying jeans? This is a question many guys ask. They struggle to find a balance between looking put-together and being labeled "metro."

However, there are a few solid androgynous designer brands to choose from. When in doubt, go with a known label rather than an up-and-coming brand to escape the "metro" label. Avoid elaborate pocket designs or dramatic whiskers, those faded marks on the denim, usually around the thighs. Go for simple pockets — not only do these have a natural trend allure, but they are also more versatile so you can get the most use out of them.

Some brands to check out include AG Jeans (exude understated style), Jeans (have a baggier cut than many, mixing urban style with sophistication), J. Crew (classic and always in style) and Diesel (versatile and flattering — best

suited for nighttime.)

Remember when selecting jeans that for the most part, light washes are better suited for the day and dark washes for the night. Furthermore, if your jeans are genuinely too big for you in the waist, wear a belt. Having your boxers hang out is cliche '90s grunge, as well as immature and unattractive.

Oh, and I assume this goes without saying, but just in case: No jean jackets!

A navy blazer

A classic, well-made, fitted navy blazer is a staple in every guy's closet. J. Crew's threebutton legacy blazer is worth trying. It makes khakis and a simple button-up seem classy, professional and sophisticated.

The classic tie

Every guy needs a versatile tie - one he can wear with his mom, his friends or his girlfriend, one he can dress up or dress down. For a classic, try J. Crew's thin-stripe Cambridge tie. Also, Vineyard Vines ties are the perfect addition to any guy's wardrobe.

Three types of shirts:

All guys really need only three types of shirts in their wardrobes: Polos, oxfords and graphic tees. Graphic tees look great paired with jeans for daytime or nighttime. Polos look great with literally any bottom, and oxfords are the perfect way to dress up an outfit.

ACADEMICS

Q: WHAT CLASSES SHOULD I TAKE?

The student advising process should lay out what you will need to accomplish in your first years at Vanderbilt. Just make sure you take care of as many AXLE requirements as possible, while **CONTINUED** on page 13

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Q: HOW DO I SCHEDULE MY CLASSES?

At Vanderbilt you will use OASIS to schedule your classes. Directions for program are in the course-scheduling handbook and online. Download OASIS at http://oasis.vanderbilt.edu/. The course change period begins Aug. 27.

Q: HOW DO I CHOOSE CLASSES OR PROFESSORS?

Great resources for choosing classes or professors are upperclassmen (such as your VUceptor), advisers or Web sites such as ratemyprofessor.com. Choose classes that are interesting to you and meet your college's requirements.

Q: HOW DO I GET TO KNOW MY PROFESSORS?

Note professors' office hours, e-mail address and phone number. Visit office hours early in the semester to make personal contact and ensure you are on track. Send your professor an e-mail to set up an appointment if his or her office hours are not convenient for you. Answer questions and speak up in class. Remember that professors are there to help you, not to intimidate. If you have a problem or conflict (or a grade that is borderline between letters), professors are much more understanding if you have attended and participated in class or visited their office hours regularly.

O: HOW DO I MANAGE MY TIME?

First, buy a planner. The Vanderbilt Mortar Board calendar is sold in the bookstore and is a great resource because it is easy to write in and includes campus events in the margins. Make sure to read all class syllabi at the start of the term, and mark down dates when assignments are due and exams are given. Determine

which classes require a lot of reading, and keep your book with you to read during breaks between classes and meetings. Don't procrastinate on big projects or problem sets. Mark mandatory events and busy weekends so you make sure to allot enough time to get work done around the rest of your schedule. Also make sure to give yourself time for exercise and stress relief — time for yourself is as important as time for class!

Q: WHERE ARE THE BEST PLACES TO STUDY ON CAMPUS?

- Baseball Glove Lounge: The Glove Lounge is located in Sarratt Student Center between the ground and main floors. It is usually dead silent and serves as the perfect place to find solace to cram between classes or catch up on reading.
- Buttrick Hall study rooms: The recently renovated building includes many study rooms that are comfortable, quiet and well-lit.
- Stevenson Science and Engineering Library: The Stevenson Library is known for being open 24 hours and for hosting many all-night study sessions. Don't let the name confuse you you don't have to be an engineering student to study here. Coffee and computer kiosks are usually available.
- Eskind Biomedical Library: The Biomedical Library is located on the medical campus behind Stevenson Center and is usually packed with medical students. It has a lot of natural light and serves as a good change of pace from the usual undergraduate crowd.
- **Peabody Library:** The best place to study on the Peabody campus, the library has study rooms and computer labs, and the Iris Cafe is downstairs. There are also quiet places to study at desks in the stacks.

Q: WHERE ARE THE BEST PLACES TO STUDY OFF CAMPUS?

- *Fido:* Located in Hillsboro Village, Fido is known for their hip coffee drinks (they won the CitySearch award in 2005 for Best Cup of Coffee) and fast-food choices.
- **Starbucks:** Internet access, great coffee and comfortable seating. The oncampus cafe is in the Student Life Center, and there are two off-campus **CONTINUED** on page 14



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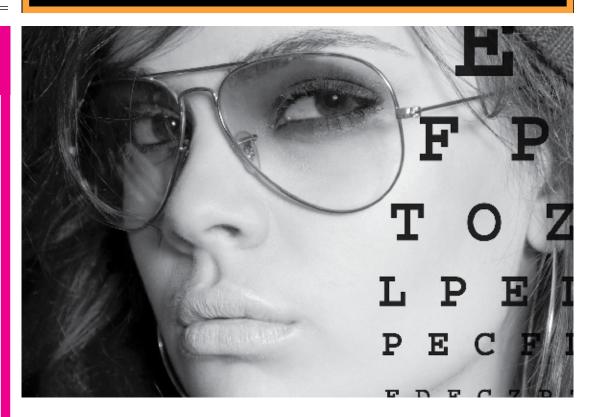
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Q: WHO RUNS THE

Nick Zeppos was

UNIVERSITY?

Nicholas Zeppos

Chancellor

Nicholas Zeppos was selected as the university's eighth chancellor in March 2008 after serving as interim chancellor, or iChancellor, since form Chancellor Gordon Gee's departure in August 2007.

locations on West End Avenue and one on 21st Avenue, but they can get crowded, especially during peak exam times.

- Borders Bookstore: Located close to campus on West End Avenue, the bookstore is quiet and has its own coffee shop.
- Cafe Coco: Located just off Elliston Place on Louise Avenue, the coffee shop is open 24 hours, and your caffeinated drinks and late night snacks can be purchased with your Commodore Card.
- Frothy Monkey: Located on 12th Avenue South, this coffeehouse has wireless Internet access

March 1, 2008, after having served as the interim chancellor since August 2007. Before that, Zeppos was the university provost, a vice chancellor and assistant dean. He began his Vanderbilt career as a law professor in 1987.

Zeppos said he met his wife while he was in law school.

"I first met her in the library — where all provosts meet their spouses!" he said.

Zeppos and his wife have two teenage sons who spent most of their childhoods around the Vanderbilt campus.

Often considered one of the most influential forces behind the Commons initiative, Zeppos represents the university, raises funds and serves as a leader for the Vanderbilt community.

Beth Fortune Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs

Beth Fortune's responsibility is to be the communications director and spokesperson for Vanderbilt office's Web site, Public Affairs is "the institution-wide hub for communications, marketing and public policy initiatives."

"What's not to like about working at Vanderbilt?" Fortune said. "We have the brightest students in the world, genius faculty, inspirational leadership, committed staff, gorgeous campus and the ability to make a real difference in our global society."

David Williams Vice Chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics **General Counsel** Secretary of the University

As vice chancellor for university affairs and athletics, David Williams is one of the most visible faces on campus. He controls athletics, the recreation center, risk management and conflict of interest, among other things.

Williams started his career as a professor, not an administrator, and he eventually hopes to get back to teaching.

Global Awareness

Vanderbilt's eight chancellor on teaching," Williams said. "At heart, I am a teacher."

> Williams has four children and two grandchildren, and feels that having children and working at a university go hand in hand.

> "I find it so great working at a university because of the students and the youth environment," he said. "The university makes me a better father, and being a father makes me better here."

Richard McCarty Provost Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

As provost, Richard McCarty's responsibilities include overseeing the Office of Student Financial Aid, University Registrar, Career Center and ROTC program. McCarty is the former Dean of the College of Arts & Science and a professor of psychology

McCarty enjoys working at Vanderbilt and said one of his favorite things about the school is its intermediate size.

"I like the size of the university," University. According to the McCarty said. "It allows a lot of contact between faculty. administrators and students."

McCarty grew up in Portsmouth, Va., and married his high school sweetheart soon after graduation. McCarty and his wife have four children, four grandchildren and

"My wife has a cat," McCarty said. "I tolerate the cat."

Mark Bandas Dean of Students Associate Provost

Mark Bandas was appointed associate provost and dean of students in fall 2006. Bandas' responsibilities include housing and residential life, intercultural programs, student health and counseling, and student activities and events.

"Vanderbilt has a commitment to the education of the whole person," he said. "We want students to take care of themselves, to make friends, to become good citizens and persons of integrity, to become leaders, to pursue their "I dislike the most that I am not intellectual interests with passion

and intensity, and to enjoy their years at Vanderbilt."

Bandas said met his wife, Director of McTyeire International House Anja Bandas, in an unusual circumstance — when he interviewed her for a position at Vanderbilt.

Frank Wcislo **Dean of The Commons**

"I'm a dad, a husband, an historian of Russia, a writer, a professor, a teacher, a golfer, a scholar and a dean, among other things," said Frank Wcislo.

Wcislo resides in The Commons with his wife, his 14-year-old twin daughters, a dog and a cat.

"As a professor, I've been lucky to have a job where the line between work and hobbies is not drawn all that firmly," Wcislo said. As an undergraduate at the University of Michigan in 1969, he was there in 1969 to witness the last Vanderbilt-Michigan game played at the Big House until fall 2006, when Vanderbilt traveled to Michigan for the first game of the season.

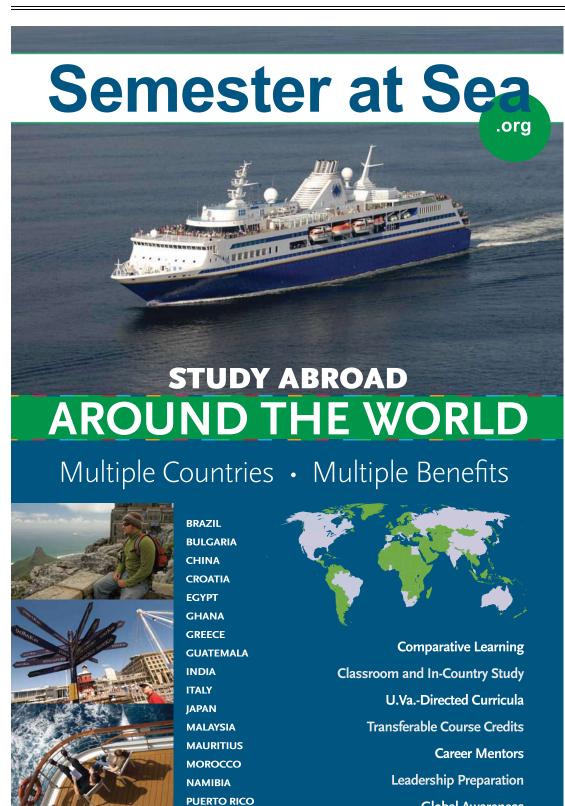
Douglas Christiansen Dean of Admissions Associate Provost for Enrollment

Douglas Christiansen, the associate provost for enrollment and dean of admissions, began his job at the beginning of the 2006-07 academic year.

Christiansen said he was interested in Vanderbilt because of the investment the university is willing to make on behalf of its student body.

"Vanderbilt has a commitment to undergraduate education," Christiansen said. "There are not many schools in the U.S. who are willing to fund things like The Commons and have a commitment to education."

Christiansen has been married to his high school sweetheart, Amy, for 17 years. He grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, and graduated from the University of Utah. ■



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