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Impressive performances on both sides of the ball allowed Vanderbilt to cruise to an easy season-opening victory Saturday. See page 8 for more coverage.



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Warren Norman (27) scores his second touchdown in the third quarter of Vanderbilt's 45-0 victory over Western Carolina on Saturday. Norman finished with 105 yards rushing.

FLU UPDATE

- Seasonal flu vaccine is available at the Student Health Center starting today for students considered a "high risk" for influenza acquisition, as specified in an e-mail sent last week.
- Vanderbilt expects to get about 4,000 seasonal flu vaccines and 11,000 H1N1 vaccines.
- European and Chinese researchers told The Associated Press late last week that they have developed H1N1 flu vaccines that work with one dose, rather than two, potentially increasing the supply available for distribution.
- Xinhua reported that China has ordered 7.3 million H1N1 vaccine doses.

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Textbook prices continue to frustrate students

by SAMANTHA SMITH
Asst News Editor

Buying textbooks has never been an enjoyable process for students.

But with the recession continuing strong into the 2009-2010 school year, the bookstore and Vanderbilt Student Government have sought more cost conscious options for student buyers.

According to the National Association of College Stores 2008 report, undergraduates spend an average of \$702 on required course materials in an academic year. And the Government Accountability Office reported that textbook prices have risen at twice the rate of annual inflation over the last two decades.

Even so, university bookstores may not be to blame. The NACS reported that the gross margin, the difference between the price the bookstore pays for a book and the price the bookstore sells that book to a student, has remained constant at 22.7 percent since 1989. After store expenses, that's only a 4.5 percent profit for every dollar's worth of

new textbooks sold for the bookstore.

University bookstores are service-driven and attempt to provide the lowest possible prices for students. Most stores buy directly from the publishers and initially fill inventory with used books bought from students at the end of each semester.

Vanderbilt Student Government encouraged students in the spring to ask their teachers to turn in their book lists earlier, which allowed the bookstore to buy back more books or buy more books at a cheaper bulk rate.

"It was a grassroots effort of mobilizing students to go talk to their teachers," said Wyatt Smith, VSG president. "The most direct way we could do it is by increasing textbook adoption rates by the time April 15 came around so the bookstore could have those orders in bulk in a way that would lead to lower prices they could pass on to students."

And the effort was effective, even if it didn't seem that students were saving more money this fall.

"We were able to more than triple

the buy-in level from the previous year," Smith said, something VSG hopes will improve even more for the spring, especially for lecture-based courses. Since the time period between semesters is shorter, professors may have a better idea of what they want students to read in January when they are planning their book list in November.

But the first effort has already been fruitful.

"Because there were three times as many book adoptions, that means there

were three times as many books bought back or bought back at a greater price than they would have before," VSG Vice President Lori Murphy said. Students saved \$105,000 in the spring for an average of \$16 per transaction.

According to Suzanne Holder, director of the Vanderbilt University Bookstore, management is trying to be responsive to the financial and academic needs of its students in the face of the recession.

"Vanderbilt bookstore recognizes the cost of higher education and takes a mission to deliver the right books at the right time, for each of our students at Vandy," Holder said, "doing so with the largest selection of used books ... representing a huge cost savings."

But many students continue to feel dissatisfied by the buyback process.

"Sometimes when you return books, they don't give you back the amount of money you deserve," said sophomore Allison Buterbaugh, "and they don't always accept old editions, making it difficult to resell many books."

A 2006 article in The New York Times reported that publishers were compensating for declining textbook sales by raising prices and by publishing new editions every two years.

Many students still turn to other ways to get more money for their books with online providers like Amazon.com or half.com.

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TEXTBOOK TRANSACTIONS BY THE NUMBERS

- \$16** Amount of money students saved on average per buyback transaction in the spring semester.
- \$105,000** The total amount of money students saved in the spring semester.
- \$702** Amounts students spend nationally on textbooks according to a 2008 report.
- \$0.045** The amount of profit an average bookstore makes per dollar on new textbooks, after store expenses.



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A drug bust and repeated indecent exposure. Read the crime log for more.
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Frannie Boyle got a European perspective of Vandy tailgating traditions this weekend.
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compiled by LAURA DOLBOW

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HIGH 82, LOW 64
 Scattered T-storms

TUESDAY

HIGH 86, LOW 65
 Isolated T-storms

WEDNESDAY

HIGH 84, LOW 64
 Isolated T-storms

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AROUND THE LOOP

Where did you buy your textbooks?

"I picked them up at the bookstore because I'm lazy and didn't know exactly which classes I was taking."
 — Megan Grisolano, 2011

"I buy my books online through Amazon. It takes a little more time to find what I'm looking for, but this year I was able to save \$200, so to me it's worth it."
 — Elizabeth Vassey, 2012

"The bookstore because I didn't know what classes I wanted to take. I wanted to wait and feel them out, then I had to buy books quickly."
 — Rob Wolff, 2012

"The bookstore because I'm on a scholarship that pays for my books."
 — Will Snipe, 2013

"Amazon.com because it's cheaper."
 — Parikshit Moitra, 1st year grad student

CRIME LOG

Friday, Sept. 4, 2 a.m. — Person caught with fake ID and admitted to drinking at Graham Central Station.

Friday, Sept. 4, 1:40 a.m. — Drugs and drug equipment confiscated from Lewis Hall by Residential Life.

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:33 p.m. — Person passed out in yard of Phi Kappa Psi. He admitted to drinking.

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 6:55 p.m. — Person exposing himself to people on the 4th floor of Heard Library. Someone matching same description exposed himself to a person near the Schulman center less than an hour later.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Waldir Sepulveda
 Spanish and Portuguese department
 Nine years at Vanderbilt



LAURA DOLBOW / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Spanish professor Waldir Sepulveda struggled with learning English, so he knows how hard it is for his students to acquire a new language.

- 1. What classes do you teach?**
 Spanish 104: Intermediate Spanish
- 2. What's your favorite place in Nashville?**
 The green trail at Sylan Park. It's along a railroad track and crosses a creek with a bridge.
- 3. What do you like to do in your free time?**
 Talk to my wife. She's my best friend. We listen to our favorite music, turn soccer on the TV with no sound and just talk. I also like to walk. Sometimes I walk home (an hour and half). It's a nice way to clear my thoughts.
- 4. Where did you go to undergraduate and graduate school?**
 I went to undergrad at Vanderbilt; I was in Class of 1996. Then, I taught English for five years in Colombia, and I got my master's at the University of Medellín.
- 5. If you were stranded on a deserted island, what three things would you bring with you?**
 A lighter, a whistle and some type of spiritual book because if I wasn't rescued in two weeks, I would doubt myself and need something to ground me and remind me who I am.
- 6. What was your first job?**
 After my first year at Vanderbilt, I worked in New York City as a delivery boy for healthy food for pets. I rode a Chinese bicycle around Greenwich Village. However, I quit after a week when my initial food supply ran out.
- 7. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?**
 My maternal grandfather. I'm the baby of my family, and he died when I was 2. I never got to experience having a grandfather, but my siblings and cousins tell me he was a wonderful person.
- 8. Why did you decide to become a professor?**
 I was an HOD major at Peabody, and I wanted to go to law school. In one of my classes, we played a game where we had to imagine what we would do if we completely erased all constraints of money, fame and knowledge to identify that which really made us happy. That exercise convinced me to be a teacher.
- 9. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?**
 Stop saying "I know." Tell yourself you don't know, then go out and find information. Go into situations open to possibilities of different outcomes. Don't assume you know it all. Try things and see if you know things. The only way to learn is by doing things.
- 10. Do you have any hidden talents?**
 I like to dance. Also, I used to be very good at rollerblading back in the '90s.
- 11. What's something that your students don't know about you?**
 I struggle with languages. Speaking English does not come easy for me. I started learning at age 12, and I know it is very difficult to learn another language.
- 12. Who are your heroes in life?**
 My mother. I have been listening to her more lately to help me understand who I am. Knowing that we are such similar beings, I am amazed that she overcame so many struggles as a little girl. She still came out with a smile on her face and was not bitter with life. Instead she worked on her own personal happiness and raised me to enjoy life. Finding her own happiness allowed me to be happy, too.

CALENDAR

THE WEEK AHEAD

MONDAY, SEPT. 7

- **Intramural tennis league and volleyball registration**
 Registration will be from Sept. 7-Sept. 11. in the Student Recreation Center Office of Campus Recreation (2nd floor). Office hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- **Yearbook portraits**
 Visit Sarratt 112 (behind the Baseball Glove Lounge) from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 8

- **'Maleness and Femaleness: Difference and Gift'**
 The second lecture in a three part series on the Theology of the Body by Sr. Jane Dominic will be held from 7:30-9 p.m. in Wilson Hall 126.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 9

- **Vanderbilt Institute of Chemical Biology 2009 seminar series**
 Tina Iverson will speak on "The Outer Membrane Protein PorB from Neisseria meningitidis: From Structure to Function to Disease" in MRB III 1220 from 12:15-1:15 pm.
- **Writing Studio open house**
 Come learn how the writing studio works with students and meet with other writing course instructors. Open house will be from 4:30-6 p.m. in Alumni Hall 117.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 10

- **'Gorgeous in Green' eco-fashion show**
 Students Promoting Environmental Awareness and Recycling will be holding the fashion show to promote local eco-friendly clothing stores and designers in the Nashville area. Tickets are \$7 on the card. The event will be held from 4-6 p.m. on the lawn between Stambaugh and Hank Ingram houses.

SNAPSHOT

Cookoff for the kids



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Junior Delta Delta Delta member Gracie Smith played with some children from the Fannie Battle Day Home for Children, which benefited from the fourth annual Kickoff Cookoff on Friday afternoon. Several Greek organizations participated in the event, which was co-sponsored by five chapters.

Join us during Family Weekend, on October 2 for a Reception with Deans and Directors followed by the Opening Celebration

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Running into their first football season



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Chancellor Nick Zeppos gets ready to lead nearly 1,600 freshmen (and some upperclassmen) onto the field for their first football game as Commodores. The first-year students had a tailgate on Olin Lawn before they rushed the field, a tradition in which all current undergraduates have had the opportunity to participate.

TEXTBOOKS: Students seek alternatives

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“For the price that we sell our books at and the price they resell them at, they are ripping us off,” said sophomore Judy Lee. “I’m a seller on half.com.”

Along with several other universities, the Vanderbilt bookstore may turn to a textbook rental program, allowing students to borrow books for a semester for a flat fee.

“We are offering increased digital titles through CafeScribe (our ebook platform), and our efollett.com network of stores is piloting rental this fall,” Holder said.

According to their RentAText Facebook site, the textbook rental program would rent books for 42.4 percent of the new price. The program would be available to any students 18 years or older with a valid credit card and state ID.

The costs of beginning such programs are considerable, however, and professors must commit to using the textbook for at least six semesters, making start-up difficult for many universities.

Online providers may provide another alternative for cost conscious students.

“In the future, I am expecting Vanderbilt to move towards e-textbooks,” Smith said, “which are continuing to lower in price as we move forward.”

For now, the bookstore is using the increased competition to improve their service.

“We do feel, however, that competition is good for us, as it is good for the student, and as a bookstore keeps us very sharp in the services we provide,” Holder said. “Shopping the bookstore provides a great advantage for the customers.” ■

Grubbing up before the game



JUSTIN MENESTRINA / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Freshmen attended the annual 12th Man Tailgate on Olin Lawn before the first home football game of the season.

Flu vaccine makes its way to campus

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Starting today, students with compromised immune systems or who are at a high risk for influenza acquisition are able to get the seasonal influenza vaccine, a preventative measure made all the more important as seasonal and H1N1 influenzas begin to make their way around campus.

Seasonal flu is clinically no different than H1N1, said Dr. Louise Hanson, director of student health services, and it’s important for students to get both shots, although not many students regularly get their seasonal vaccine.

“We have to beg and plead and hassle,” Hanson said.

And while much of the news lately has been on H1N1, the type of influenza A commonly referred to as swine flu, Hanson points out that seasonal flu is also deadly, especially to those who have compromised immune systems and who are therefore more susceptible to complications.

“There were deaths in Mexico (from

H1N1); there are deaths every single year, tens of thousands of deaths from seasonal flu,” Hanson said. “Young students are kind of like, ‘I’m fine.’ And most are.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that an average of 36,000 die in the U.S. each year from seasonal flu or complications related to the flu. In late August, a presidential advisory panel said there could be anywhere from 30,000 to 90,000 deaths related to H1N1 this flu season, although the exact number has been controversial since the projection of this strain of H1N1 is unknown.

Although most media have focused on the development of the H1N1 vaccine, which may be a two-shot process, and its possible shortage, it’s the seasonal vaccine that may be in low supply. The vaccine development centers have been focusing on making H1N1 vaccines since the mid-year and halted production of the seasonal flu vaccine as a consequence.

“All that’s been produced for seasonal is all we’re all going to get,” Hanson said. “We’ll get ... about 4,000 vaccines for seasonal,”

which should be enough to vaccinate everyone who wants to be immunized. Between the undergraduate, graduate and professional students, the Student Health Center gives out about 3,000-3,500 flu shots, Hanson said, a small amount considering the total student population as listed on the Vanderbilt Web site is 12,093.

The perception of a shortage for the seasonal vaccine has been known to bring out more people than normal to get immunized, Hanson said.

“It will be interesting,” she said. “This sense of low supplies or worry about illness does drive people to get (a vaccine).”

Hanson said she’s not worried right now about an H1N1 vaccine shortage and is still expecting to get enough to treat every student who would want to be vaccinated.

“We did apply to the state ... to treat 11,000 people, so that captures probably more students than would want it, actually,” Hanson said. “We haven’t had any negative feedback indicating we’re not going to get that, yet. So right now we’re cautiously optimistic that we’ll get what we asked for.” ■

Pre-major advising has high hopes but mixed reviews

by HAYLEY KARLAN
Asst News Editor

Last week marked the inauguration of Vanderbilt’s revamped premajor advising system through the opening of CASPAAR, the College of Arts and Sciences Pre-Major Academic Advising Resources.

Directed by Patricia Armstrong, CASPAAR is located on the second floor of The Commons Center and aims to provide more personal, in-depth advising for students on course selection.

“We think it’s going to provide an advising structure that provides equitable advising outcomes for all students regardless of what their interests are,” said Vanderbilt Student Government President Wyatt Smith. “That means more effective communication of sequences for preprofessional tracks, it means more information about unique course offerings or adjunct professors and it also means a little bit more attention that’s kind of tailored to what your goals are, what your plan is. And if you don’t know what that is, it will help paint that picture and help you get a better idea of what you want to do.”

Until this year, freshmen were assigned to one of 90 full-time faculty members with whom they met before registering for classes. Under the new system, students are assigned to one of seven full-time counselors, all Vanderbilt lecturers who recently earned their doctorates, Smith said. These seven counselors are supervised by a committee of seven advisers who worked with the old system.

“I want students to get the information they need in a timely fashion so they make good decisions. Availability and accessibility are two main goals,” Armstrong said, who has already seen one advisee come in six times this past week.

Some freshmen, however, are still not satisfied with the advising system.

“We met once during orientation. It was helpful, but I did all of the work and most of the decision-making on my own,” said freshman Emily Mitchell. “I wish there was some sort of orientation over the summer where an academic adviser went over how to sign up for classes and which to sign up for one-on-one because I was so confused this summer and signed up for the wrong ones.”

Armstrong encourages students to make appointments to get to know their advisers better. One of the biggest changes to the advising system is the addition of a permanent physical space for advising, which the Dean of the College of Arts and Science, Carolyn Dever, hopes will encourage students to meet more often with their counselors.

“The more centralized system should make advising more flexible and responsive,” Dever said.

Some students have taken advantage of that opportunity and the drop-in hours throughout the first week of classes.

“It’s been pretty fun so far,” said Charles Bowie, one of the seven academic advisers responsible for 156 students. “I’ve gotten positive feedback, and a lot of students have come in just to introduce themselves and talk.”

Dever said the organization of the program opens up opportunities for unique programming with other offices. For example, Armstrong said starting Sept. 9, a representative from the Psychological Counseling Center will be available for study skills tutoring every Wednesday. Armstrong also hopes to plan regular programming in the residence halls. ■

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Presidential school speech uproar



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Columnist

On Friday, CNN reported that President Barack Obama will give a speech directed to America's school children this Tuesday. Naturally, this news caused a conservative uproar, but how could something so seemingly innocent be conceived as menacing?

Well, obviously this so-called speech is an attempt to plant the seed of socialism into impressionable young children's minds (the opinion of the Florida Republican Party chairman). If you haven't heard, socialism is sweeping the nation; in the 2008 presidential election, the Socialist candidate received more than 6,000 votes. This time next week, I expect to see grade-schoolers take to the streets and demand a revolution, sporting red berets and waving copies of "The Communist Manifesto".

Detracting from the fact that Obama is not a secret socialist, one speech, regardless of its content, does not have the power to cement a child's political views.

Kids are not going to see this speech, which will be broadcast during school hours, as a lesson on how to think about political issues. Some may appreciate the speech for its substance, but I'm sure a majority of the kids will simply be glad they get a break from their normal classroom activities.

Not everything a president says or does results from some anticipated political end-goal. Government is mostly concerned with the public good, not shoving ideology down people's throats. Concern for children seems to be the main reason behind Obama's speech; the White House characterizes Obama's speech as a "pep talk," encouraging schoolchildren to work hard and to take school seriously. Who knew that something as simple as telling students to study could become politicized?

The anger stirred by Obama's future speech (which will be posted online for the public to read before Tuesday, another sure sign it's not a socialist, brainwashing scheme) shows just how politically divided our country has become. It makes sense that the two parties are divided on subjects that actually matter, like health care and the environment, but when politics trickles down to the unimportant issues, it is a bit frightening. After all, how can the two parties solve the big problems if they cannot even agree on the little things?

The phenomenon of petty politics can be blamed on both parties. One party comes into power, and the other party tries to distract the public with meaningless issues. When people elect a new party, the old ruling party remembers how the other party behaved,

and the cycle continues. For example, the Senate should have overwhelmingly voted in favor of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, one of the most qualified nominees ever, but 31 senators voted against her confirmation. I expect these 31 senators voted the way they did because they remembered Democrats' efforts to block Bush's nominees for the Supreme Court.

Unfortunately, the nasty version of politics we see playing out today is unlikely to end any time soon. Even President Obama, "The Change We Can Believe In," has failed to alter the political scene significantly.

Politics aside, vitriolic accusations of socialist indoctrination via Obama's speech are simply ridiculous. Anyone who sees a president's appeal to children to study as a threat to civilization needs to stop living in McCarthy-era America and read a modern-day newspaper.

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COLUMN

Obama has gone too far

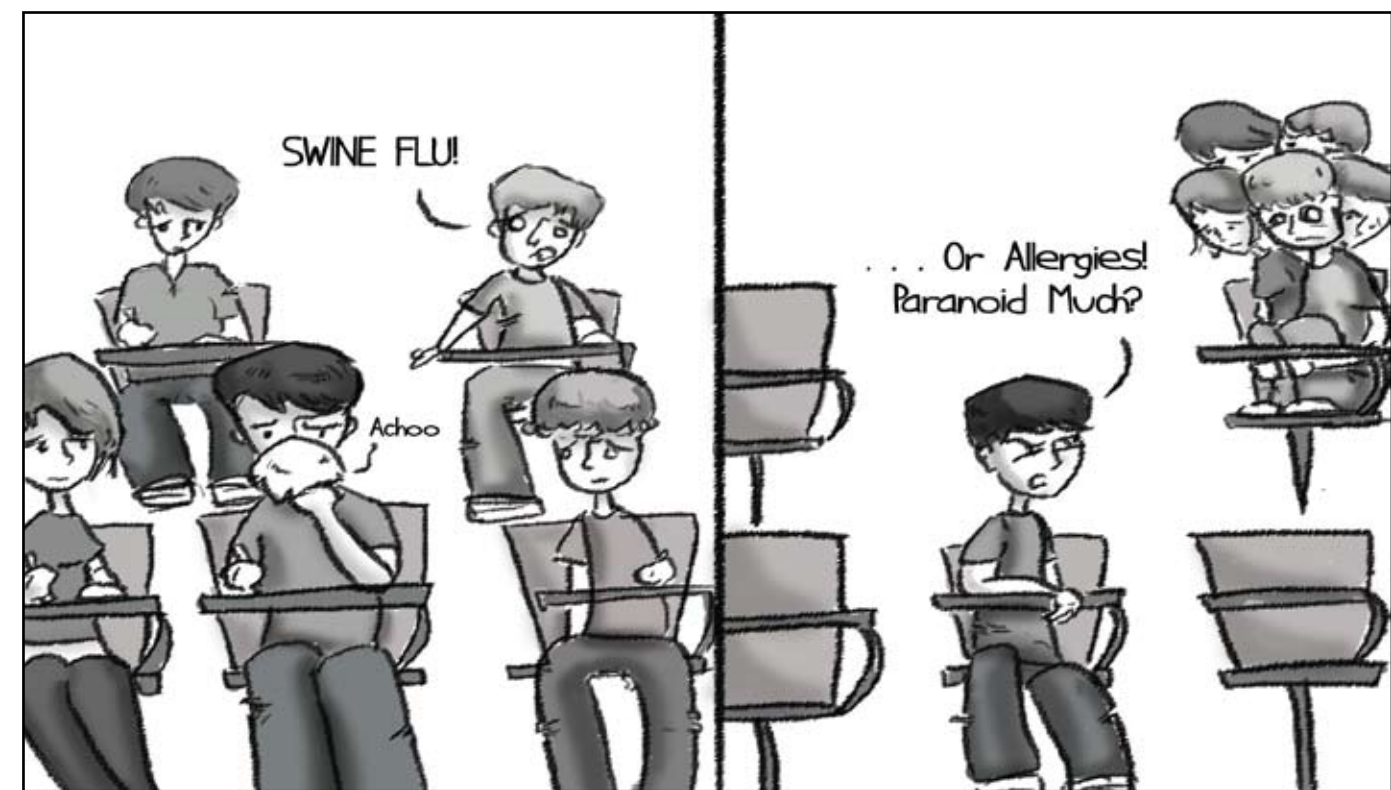


KATIE DES PREZ
Columnist

This presidency has gone far enough. First Obama works to pull our country out of financial ruin spurred by his predecessor. Then he tries to reform our health care system and get coverage for those who need care most. Now he's trying to get America's children to stay in school. Really? OK, so maybe I voted for him, but these seditious acts must be put to an end. Some people may say the Obama administration, while not perfect, is getting more accomplished in its first eight months than the previous administration did in eight years. I say "not perfect" is just an excuse for throwing our country to the socialists. Here are some of the biggest problems I have with our commander in chief, in order of importance:

1. His wife is gorgeous. How is it possible that she is toned but not scary jacked? Plus she's expanded her wardrobe beyond the pantsuit and doesn't look like she's been poked in the face with Botox lately. And I'm pretty sure she's Oprah's friend. Don't even get me started on the rest of Obama's beautiful family.
2. As far as I know, he's never hunted moose. In fact, there is just a general lack of guns in his administration. Has Joe Biden even shot anyone in the face yet? Didn't think so.
3. Speaking of Joe Biden, I'm pretty sure he should be either stupid, boring or conniving. He can't legitimately call himself vice president if he doesn't live up to the legacy of his three most recent predecessors. His comments are entertaining and straightforward with just the right dose of crazy. I think this tells us a lot about his boss's judgment.
4. He's not really from America. Yes, I believe he was born in Hawaii, but have you ever been there? The people

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there are relaxed and happy. I'd say at least half the state's population is un-medicated, and they're all so healthy and active. That doesn't sound like America to me.

5. He has an organic garden. May I remind you of the things that may follow? Recycling, eating meals in the house and not the car, and (in some extreme cases) vegetarianism go hand-in-hand with organic gardens. It all seems suspiciously Woodstock.
6. Mom jeans? Come on, man.

Really, there are endless things that could be said against Obama and his un-American administration. But I don't want to discourage our readers too much. We should not focus on the travails of maintaining our unfavorable image abroad with this frustratingly diplomatic man in office. Instead, I suggest we look toward the future. Though Sarah Palin's favorability ratings have been dropping lately, they are still higher than Bush's were at some times during his presidency. I think if we work hard enough, we can rustle up the support to get the hockey mom into office, where she can personally provide the unemployed with enough moose meat to last the winter and also keep an eye on Russia. Until that time, remember that freedom is just a few years away.

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COLUMN

Communication breakdown

DANIEL HEWLETT
Guest Columnist

Lets talk about communication for a second. From the Latin communicate which means "to impart, share" or "to make common," this little act has not been fully developed here on campus.

Why is it that freshman meal plans don't rollover? Why don't we upperclassmen get rollover until the second week of school? Why is it that no one really seems to know about those little green hiking signs littering the Vandy campus nowadays? Why doesn't anyone know about Vanderbilt's iTunesU contribution to Blackboard?

And I'm sure you can think of many more questions you've pondered but could never get answered. Let's face it, there just isn't anywhere to go for these answers. One article written a few months ago tried to unearth some of these answers to Vanderbilt's "greatest mysteries" like the hiking trail signs. The author contacted no less than six people across three different departments before finally figuring that mystery out. And those signs are all over campus, in plain sight of thousands of students, faculty and staff that pass by every day. Yet not a one really knew what they were for (by the way, those green signs are part of a wellness program set up by

the medical center's employee health program, Health Plus, designed to encourage walking).

If you want to know anything on campus, you have to work to find the answer. Some questions are trivial, but others are important, yet unaddressed. It's a classic problem of poor communication, but no one seems interested in fixing it. Or maybe they are and just haven't told us.

We need some sort of forum for communication between students and staff. Some place where we can have a two-way discussion in order to ask these questions and receive real answers. Where the administration can proactively post updates and info on changes even before we have to ask. Where they can explain the reasoning and rationale behind both big and little changes made everyday all across campus. And, finally, to just let us know how effective the various changes they are making really are.

The ironic thing is, we need such a communication system in place before we can ask for one.

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COLUMN

Welcome to America



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We've all gone through it. We have all brought our parents or friends from different schools to a Vanderbilt football game. And we have all struggled to explain the different traditions and routines that happen before, during and after the game.

But you don't have to explain everything. Most Americans understand the concepts of tailgating, football and that sometimes, frat guys do weird things.

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Imagine taking three German exchange students to a Vanderbilt football game.

Now imagine you brought people from a different country. Imagine taking three German exchange students to a Vanderbilt football game. I did just that on Saturday, and let me tell you, there was a lot of explaining to do.

First, of course, I had to explain why everyone was so dressed up. Yeah, you usually have to explain that to anyone new, but all you have to say is, "Oh, it's just the Southern tradition." These guys didn't even understand the basic U.S. regional customs and stereotypes.

I explained all of this while walking through frat row. As we passed a few of the houses on the way, the guys asked why we weren't stopping at them instead. I then had to explain why I do not go to these fraternities: One because I am not northern, one because I do not dye my hair blonde and one because drugs are not my thing.

They then asked why some fraternities were not having tailgates at all. This followed with awkward explanations about hazing, rules regarding freshmen the first week and the shambles that Vanderbilt Greek life has become.

When we got to the lawn of the first fraternity, they were shocked. They asked about the sorority stickers. I had given them all one, but they saw guys with a bunch of different ones all over their chests.

"I do not understand," one said. "They are not in ze sororities because they are not girls."

I told him it didn't mean they were girls; girls just give them to guys as a way of promoting their sororities. I informed him that if he wants to meet

a cute girl, he could always start conversation by walking up to her and asking for a sticker. (I later saw him walk up to a girl and ask, "Do you have sticker for me?" Unfortunately, she was out, but I commended him for his efforts.)

While at the fraternity, one took out his camera saying he had to get pictures to show his friends back home. He got one of a group shot-gunning, one with a guy in a seersucker suit and, most perplexing of all, one video of a guy drinking out of a baseball bat, spinning around in a circle, and then swinging and missing at a smashed beer can that came flying at him. He also took pictures of visitors and their families staring in shock as people raged in the front lawn and of some neon green fanny-packs (that I said not to worry about because they are not really in style).

Quite frankly, I was tired of explaining everything to them. By the time 6:20 p.m. rolled around and they were ready to head off to the game, I had no problem pointing them in the direction of Dudley Field telling them that 75 percent of Vanderbilt students do not actually make it to kick-off (or the game, really), and that I had no problem being a part of that statistic.

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COLUMN

The joys of overpriced American education



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I think by now everyone realizes college is pretty expensive. Vandy's crossing the \$50,000 threshold, and they're not alone. Of course, there are all sorts of scholarships and grants available, but they rarely cover everything. The U.S. Department of Education reported federal student loans for the most recent academic year increased by 25 percent to \$75.1 billion.

The Wall Street Journal mentioned on Sept. 3 that in the course of little more than a decade, the average student debt increased from \$13,172 to \$23,186. That's a fair chunk of change for anyone to pay off, let alone a recent graduate.

Considering that the average starting salary of liberal arts majors runs about \$36,000, after factoring in taxes, rent and sustenance, it would take years of payments to make any headway. That's somewhat ridiculous.

Furthermore, there is some discussion as to whether the access to credit for education might inflate the rate of tuition and fees. If students are continually able to pay because of federal loans,

colleges are not entirely aware of the costs they're incurring on their student body.

That's naive of course; college administrators are perfectly capable of comparing the cost of education to the national income average. What's actually important is students are willing to pay beyond their means. For example, if the number of applications to Vanderbilt decreases due to cost considerations, tuition will magically decrease, or the amount of debt-free subsidies of students will increase. It's economical, kind of.

I'd say students should refuse to pay — a sort of civil disobedience — but to be honest there's more to the problem than the price. Sure, it's ridiculous to have to pay that much, but it's technically priced to sell. The problem is that people overvalue their education.

For the average Arts and Science student at the average private institution, the marginal increase of future potential salary is, well, marginal. It's not that there's no increase, but plenty of people have racked up over \$50,000 in debt and because of a short of a remarkable initial income, will have trouble paying it off. The fact is most people in most situations should actually opt for affordable options.

There's no denying that doctors make bank, but four years of undergraduate school and several years of medical school gives you plenty of time to accumulate debt. Not to mention, medical school tends to be followed by residency, which isn't known for paying entirely well. Considering the initial principal and the many years of compiled interest, even modest sums loaned can grow to being entirely way too much to pay back.

I guess there isn't a clear-cut moral to the story. Sure, private colleges and universities should charge less. Sure, enrollment in public schools should increase along with state funding. Yes, people should include economics and financial status when picking schools, but none of this will happen — at least not anytime soon. As long as potential students have access to easy credit, the amount of college applications increases, and everyone remains silent, nothing's going to change. Maybe that's the way it's supposed to be.

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THE VERDICT

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Bill Gates		Mr. Gates, along with some of his Microsoft buddies, has submitted a patent application for a method of stopping hurricanes in their tracks. So maybe your PC has crashed lately, but the man can control the weather.
Michael Jackson		After several thrilling weeks, Jackson was finally buried in California. Don't care if you're sick of him; he's bad.
Schoolchildren		All right you little purveyors of controversy, we're all on to you and your socialist agenda. "Stay in school." Yeah, right.
Whitney Houston		Susan Boyle's album beat Whitney's in amazon.com sales this week. That is whack.
Hawai'i		The Honolulu city council recently considered banning body odor from public buses and other transportation. Somebody please tell France. Maybe they'll get some ideas.
Japanese politics		In her book "Very Strange Things I've Encountered", the potential future first lady claims to have traveled to Venus on a triangular spacecraft. Let's see you do that, Michelle Obama.

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Sports

Freshman duo key dominant rushing attack in blowout win



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Zac Stacy (21) drags two WCU defenders with him on a rush during the first half Saturday. Stacy led Vanderbilt with 133 yards on the ground.

by ERIC SILVER
Sports Reporter

Warren Norman and Zac Stacy seemed like seasoned veterans as opposed to a pair of true freshman running backs both playing in their first collegiate game on Saturday. In Vanderbilt's 45-0 romp over Western Carolina, Stacy rushed for 133 yards and a touchdown while Norman gained 105 yards and reached the end

zone twice. It was the first time since 2002 that two Vanderbilt players rushed for 100 plus yards in a game.

"It was just a good experience. We played hard, but we also had fun," Stacy said.

Besides opening their respective Commodore careers with a resounding bang, Norman and Stacy each etched their names in the Vanderbilt record book, becoming the first pair of

freshman to each rush for over 100 yards in a game.

"I thought they could handle it," said head coach Bobby Johnson. "They're both pretty cool customers.

Though playing in front of 40,000 fans may seem nerve wracking to most, the pair seemed to take their immediate responsibility in stride. Playing early in their career isn't new to either of the players — Stacy was a four-year starter in high school, while Norman started for three seasons.

"As we got more snaps, the game kind of slowed down a bit," Stacy said.

Vanderbilt players and fans knew it was going to be a good night as Stacy ran for 9 yards on Vanderbilt's first offensive play of the game. He duplicated that effort on his next carry and followed that rush with a run of 7 yards. Norman saw his first touches on the next drive, rushing for 7 yards in his first collegiate carry. Six minutes later, he had his first career touchdown, scampering into the end zone on another 7-yard rush. Like Stacy, Norman was calm and ready to go from the start.

"I'd say I was a little bit nervous (beforehand)," added Norman. "But I've been prepared for so

long, so it just seemed like when (the game) finally came here, all the jitters were gone."

The relationship between the two freshmen is not limited to the gridiron. The pair are roommates, and Stacy says that Norman and he are "basically like brothers." As a result, their performance on the field is enhanced.

Says Stacy, "if one of us makes a mistake, we let each other know."

While Stacy and Norman may be the headliners of the true freshman class so far, many of their classmates saw playing time against Western Carolina and made an impact. Eric Samuels intercepted a pass and returned it for 19 yards, while Collin Ashley connected with quarterback Larry Smith for a catch of 10 yards.

"The experience is great," Johnson said. "It's hard to play football if you've never been in the game. Scrimmages help, but that's not the cure, you have to get in there and play."

As they prepare for next week's match at LSU, Vanderbilt's dynamic duo of Warren Norman and Zac Stacy now know that they belong in the collegiate game. And the best part for Vanderbilt fans? The two "brothers" will be sharing the backfield for four more years — perhaps the most important statistic of the night. ■

Vandy defense overpowers WCU in first shutout in decade

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

Vanderbilt defensive players have a tendency to be humble.

Look no further than redshirt sophomore linebacker Chris Marve's assessment of the unit's performance after the Commodores concluded a 45-0 punishing of the overmatched Western Carolina Catamounts Saturday night.

"Seeing as they didn't score or anything," he said, "I think we played pretty good."

Chalk that massive understatement up to good character, because the defense was more than good Saturday night.

Whatever designs the Catamounts had on scoring on Saturday were snuffed out early on. Marve forced fumbles on their first two possessions, and it all went downhill from there for Western Carolina, the first shutout victim of a Vanderbilt team since the Commodores blanked The Citadel 58-0 in 1999.

"We wanted to go out there and set a good tempo, intimidate and dominate from the first snap, and I think we did a pretty good job doing that," Marve said.

Western Carolina ended the half with six consecutive punts and a turnover on downs. Their only foray into Commodore territory was courtesy of a botched Brett Upton punt that deflected off Austin Monahan and was recovered at the Vanderbilt 37.



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Chris Marve (13) sacks quarterback Zack Jaynes and forces a fumble in the first quarter.

No matter. Redshirt sophomore tackle T.J. Greenstone leveled Jaynes for an 8-yard sack on the next play and after two short passes, the Catamounts were out of field goal range. A desperate pass by Zack Jaynes into the end zone was swatted away by Casey Hayward. That was as close as Western Carolina got to scoring all

day.

Greenstone finished with a team high of five tackles, including a sack, and a fumble recovery. Western Carolina managed just 41 rushing yards on less than 2 yards a carry.

"We saw everything that we saw in practice," Greenstone said. "Our coaches prepared us very well for it. Their line was playing back a little bit, which helped us be able to crowd the ball a little bit more. We played in the scheme of things and when plays presented themselves we were in position to make them."

All told, Western Carolina mustered just 115 total yards of offense and had as many turnovers (four) as they had first downs. Freshman cornerback Eric Samuels had an interception and a fumble recovery in his first game action, and Hayward and senior Myron Lewis combined for five pass deflections.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson was hard pressed to find anything the defense did wrong, as they consistently penetrated into the backfield the entire night, never allowing the Catamounts to establish any semblance of a drive.

"They were very aggressive, caused turnovers," Johnson said. "That's just what you want out of your defense. They've got a lot of pride, they wanted that shutout."

On the other side, Western Carolina coach Dennis Wagner was left shaking his head.

"I can't say that we should have scored," he said, "because we didn't even come close." ■

Around the SEC: Tide too much for VT

by GREG MCMILLIN
Sports Reporter

For the second consecutive year at the Chick-fil-A Kickoff Classic in Atlanta, the No. 5 Alabama Crimson Tide opened the season with a dominant performance on Saturday. Holding the Hokies to only 155 total yards, Alabama rolled up 498 yards of total offense behind a strong ground game. Alabama sophomore running back Mark Ingram recorded a career-high 150 yards rushing with two touchdowns behind an offensive line that featured three new starters.

Junior quarterback Greg McElroy, making his first start for the Tide, also had a solid performance against one of the better defenses in the nation, completing 15 of 30 passes for 230 yards and one

touchdown. Senior kicker Leigh Tiffin was instrumental, adding four key field goals. Alabama will face Florida International in Tuscaloosa this Saturday.

Dawg House

No. 9 Oklahoma State topped No. 13 Georgia on Saturday in a defensive battle between two top-15 teams that had promised to be a shootout. The Bulldogs were unable to get much going on offense as they struggled to replace production by quarterback Matt Stafford and running back Knowshon Moreno, who both recently departed to the NFL, in what proved to be a disappointing season opener.

Oklahoma State wide receiver Dez Bryant stole the show from Georgia receiver A.J. Green with 77 receiving yards and two touchdowns. Although he threw

for 162 yards and a touchdown, Georgia quarterback Joe Cox turned the ball over twice with an interception and a fumble. For the Cowboys, quarterback Zac Robinson added 135 yards through the air with 11 completions. Georgia will host South Carolina this Saturday in a nationally televised game on ESPN2.

Tolliver paces Tigers

Traveling out west to open the 2009 season, the No. 11 LSU Tigers defeated the Washington Huskies on Saturday night, 31-23. Only down by four points at halftime, the Huskies were unable to slow down LSU sophomore quarterback Jordan Jefferson in the second half. Jefferson, making his third career start, completed nine of 11 passes for 172 yards, three touchdowns and no interceptions.

Terrance Tolliver paced the LSU

receivers with four catches for 117 yards and two touchdowns. The win should move LSU into the top 10, with No. 3 Oklahoma and No. 7 Virginia Tech both losing on the weekend. The Bayou Bengals return to Baton Rouge this week to host Vanderbilt on ESPNU.

Did you know?

With Saturday's victory, Alabama is now 11-1 all-time against Virginia Tech. ... Mississippi State's win over Jackson State on Saturday was the first ever game played between the SEC and the SWAC. ... Tennessee finished with 657 yards of total offense in a 63-7 win over Western Kentucky on Saturday. ... Between his time as a head coach at Bowling Green, Utah and Florida, Urban Meyer has never lost a season opener, going 9-0. ... Ole Miss's preseason No. 8 ranking is the highest since 1970. ■

WEEKLY REPORT CARD

Compiled by David Rutz

QUARTERBACKS, A-

Larry Smith looked terrific in his second career start, showing a command of the no-huddle offense in its debut. He threw for 153 yards and one touchdown and rushed for 66, with his performance only marred by a fumble in the end zone on Vanderbilt's first drive. After he left with a cramp in the second half, Mackenzi Adams and Jared Funk managed the game effectively in his absence.

RUNNING BACKS, A+

True freshmen Zac Stacy (133 yards, one touchdown) and Warren Norman (105 yards, two touchdowns) bruised the Catamount defense and became the first Commodore tandem to rush for over 100 yards in seven years and the first freshman duo to ever pull off the feat. Kennard Reeves averaged nearly 9 yards a carry and scored his first career touchdown, and Ryan van Rensburg also found the end zone for the first time. Vanderbilt running backs combined for 355 yards and five touchdowns for the game.

WIDE RECEIVERS, A-

Justin Green made a juggling 46-yard catch for Vanderbilt's sole passing touchdown to open the scoring. Udom Umoh made a nice grab for 23 yards, a career long, and Collin Ashley made his first career reception for 10 yards. With the running game cruising, the Commodores didn't have to air the ball out much, but this unit made plays when called upon.

TIGHT ENDS, A

It was good to see Austin Monahan be productive in his first game in nearly a year after injuring his shoulder last year against Ole Miss, catching three passes for 31 yards. Brandon Barden also had three catches for 38 yards to move the chains, and the blocking from this group was solid.

OFFENSIVE LINE, A+

This unit dominated. 433 yards rushing? That's a pretty good day. The backs had gaping holes all game, and Vanderbilt quarterbacks saw little to no pressure from the Catamount defense. The new, faster no-huddle offense helped condition the line over the summer, and the results were obvious on the field Saturday.

DEFENSIVE LINE, A

Maybe T.J. Greenstone should get the game ball on defense. He registered a career-high five tackles, including a sack, and also had a fumble recovery. The line got consistent penetration in the backfield and kept WCU quarterback Zack Jaynes harassed all game. Tim Fugger, in his first career start, was a difference-maker at defensive end, and fellow end Theron Kadri had a sack, the first of his career.

LINEBACKERS, A

We really get spoiled by these guys. Chris Marve forced two fumbles in the game's first four minutes, one on a sack, both of which Vanderbilt recovered. Patrick Benoist had four tackles and recovered one of those fumbles. For the game, WCU rushed for 41 yards on 24 carries, a scant 1.7-yard average, a testament to the entire defensive unit.

SECONDARY, A

Good coverage the entire game from this unit. Jaynes kept testing Myron Lewis and Lewis kept slapping his passes away, finishing with three deflections, tying his career high. Casey Hayward knocked away a possible touchdown in the end zone in his first career start. Eric Samuels had a fumble recovery and had the team's sole interception in his first game.

SPECIAL TEAMS, C-

Ryan Fowler struggled in his first start at placekicker, missing on field goal attempts from 43 and 32 yards and had one kickoff go out of bounds to set WCU up with good field position. He did punch through a 25-yard field goal at the end of the game. Brett Upton had one punt go just seven yards and had another deflect off Austin Monahan that WCU recovered in Vanderbilt territory. However, coverage units did well, and Alex Washington had a couple decent punt returns.

COACHING, A

Vanderbilt used an effective running attack that wore the Catamounts out, and Larry Smith showed his mettle after being given the starting quarterback job. The defensive game plan was executed to perfection, and the no-huddle offense kept WCU out of sorts the entire game. Hats off to Bobby Johnson and company for keeping this team focused and playing an excellent game on both sides of the ball.

MILESTONES

The Commodores racked up several offensive and defensive milestones, both team and individual, in Saturday's 45-0 victory over the Catamounts.

- 620 yards of offense was the most since racking up 621 against Kentucky on Nov. 11, 2006.
- 34 first downs was the most since getting 30 against Kentucky on Nov. 10, 2007.
- 45-point margin of victory ties for highest in the Bobby Johnson era.
- 433 rushing yards was the most since gaining 415 in 43-30 victory over Georgia on Oct. 15, 1994.
- Zac Stacy (133 yards) and Warren Norman (105 yards) became the first Commodore duo to both rush for over 100 yards in the same game since Kwane Doster and Norval McKenzie did against Ole Miss on Sept. 21, 2002. They became the first true freshmen duo to ever pull off such a feat in the same game.
- In addition to Stacy and Norman, Kennard Reeves and Ryan van Rensburg scored their first career touchdowns.
- Larry Smith's 46-yard touchdown pass to Justin Green was the longest scoring throw of his career and the first-ever touchdown reception by Green.
- It was the first shutout by the defense since a 58-0 blanking of the Citadel on Oct. 9, 1999.
- Western Carolina's 41 rushing yards was the least by an opponent since Duke gained just 28 in a 45-28 Commodore victory on Oct. 28, 2006.
- It marks the first time Vanderbilt has won three straight season openers since 1973-1975.

Two second-half goals power Vanderbilt over Oklahoma, Commodores improve to 5-0



CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Chelsea Stewart (17) races Oklahoma's Whitney Palmer (8) for the ball Sunday at the VU Soccer Complex. Stewart scored the clinching goal in Vanderbilt's 3-1 victory.

by GREG MCMILLEN
Sports Reporter

After giving up a goal for the first time in over two weeks, the Vanderbilt Commodores struck back quickly and pulled away in the second half to defeat Oklahoma 3-1 on Sunday afternoon at the VU Soccer Complex.

Junior Molly Kinsella, freshman Chelsea Stewart and redshirt junior Nicole Lukens all scored for the Commodores, who are 5-0 this season heading into their first away games next weekend at the Auburn Soccer Classic. It marks the second straight year they've begun with five straight wins.

Keeper Rachel Bachtel, a junior, and the Vanderbilt back line recovered to control the pace for the remainder of the game after Oklahoma forward Whitney Palmer put the Sooners ahead in the 12th minute.

After the Commodores were called for a hand ball in the penalty area, Palmer's

initial penalty kick was met by a diving save from Bachtel. Palmer stayed with her shot, however, using her speed to beat the Vanderbilt defense to the rebound and slipping the ball across and into the right corner of the net to put Oklahoma (4-1-1) ahead.

"We should've been following the PK, so Rach (Bachtel) kind of got on us, and then Coley (Nicole Lukens), one of our captains, got us all together and said this is ridiculous, we're not ready to lose yet, let's get back at it, and we got the kickoff and went flying at them," said Molly Kinsella, who delivered the equalizer from just inside the penalty area just three minutes later off of a long cross from Elizabeth Lillie.

The Commodores took the field for the second half determined to prove their fragmented first half play was an aberration, and Stewart's goal in the 53rd minute reestablished the technical, high-pressure style which the team has relied upon during its perfect start to

the 2009 season.

Stewart controlled a corner from Molly Kinsella at the top of the penalty area and beat the keeper to the top right corner after her initial shot deflected off a defender and straight back to her.

Lukens added the final goal to give Vanderbilt control just six minutes later when she found herself alone in the penalty area with the keeper after crisp passing from freshman CJ Rhoades and Molly Kinsella. With Kinsella drawing the defender, Lukens brought the keeper forward and slid the ball off the right post and in for her third goal of the season.

The Commodores' offense took pressure off of a defense that had its hands full all game in containing the speedy Palmer, whose goal was her sixth in as many games for the Sooners.

After facing Texas Tech and Missouri next weekend in Auburn, the Commodores return home to play Tennessee-Martin on Sept. 18. ■

Women take first, men fourth in opener



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An impressive display of pack running by Vanderbilt's women's cross country team propelled them to a first-place finish Friday afternoon at the Belmont-VU opener in Percy Warner Park. The top seven Commodore runners finished within 24 seconds of one another, with sophomore Kristabel Doebel-Hickock leading the group with a 4K time of 14:34.20.



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Senior James Kasten runs Friday at the Belmont-VU opener. Kasten and the men's team didn't fare quite as well as the Vandy women, but they did garner a fourth-place finish overall. Sophomores Jenner Kizer and Kyle Rewick paced the Commodores with times of 16:15.37 and 16:15.38. Both the men's and women's team race again in Percy Warner Park on Sept. 19 in the Commodore Classic.

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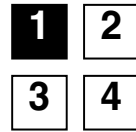
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- 15 Home of the NCAA's Bruins
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- 23 On the Atlantic, say
- 24 Pant leg
- 28 Game-hunting trespasser
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- 33 Li'l Abner's home
- 37 Two-part
- 38 Create a distraction
- 42 Coup d'__
- 43 Supply water to artificially, as farmland
- 44 Singer Garfunkel
- 45 Degrading
- 48 Military utensils set
- 50 Teamsters leader who disappeared in 1975
- 55 Get rid of by promoting, as an employee
- 59 "___ be?": "Is that possible?"
- 62 Lang. of Rome
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- 69 Backyard storage facility

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- 10 Language group that includes Swahili
- 11 Hodges who managed the Miracle Mets
- 12 A, in Abruzzi
- 13 "___ and improved!": ad claim
- 21 Iwo Jima's country
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