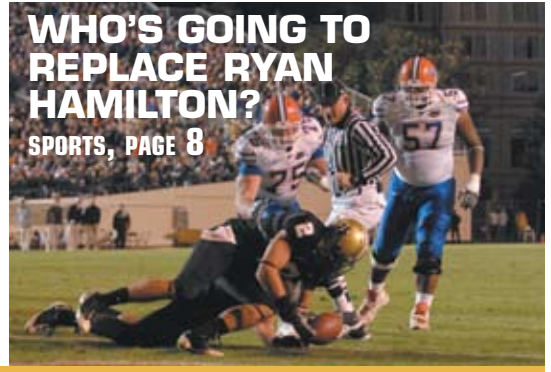


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Asher Roth added to Quake lineup



ASHER ROTH

by HANNAH TWILLMAN
Editor-in-Chief

One week after the initial announcement, the lineup for Commodore Quake has been shifted. Rapper Asher Roth will be the first opening act, Music Group co-chair Owen Canavan said Thursday night.

Roth is known for the single "I Love College" from his album "Asleep in the Bread Aisle" that was released in April 2009.

Earlier this week, the rapper, who hails from Pennsylvania, joined Blink-182's reunion tour in California, which also has featured Fall Out Boy and Weezer.

Canavan said he hopes Roth will be a good first act to start off the night, to get the crowd "fired up" before the next two performances.

Besides the release of the newest Quake act, the Music Group also announced that the two main acts for the annual Homecoming concert would be switched.

Now, former headliner O.A.R. will perform second, after Roth, and rapper Pitbull will close the show.

Canavan said O.A.R.'s management requested the switch. The band had been originally booked as an opening act, but the Music

Group made O.A.R. the headliner toward the end of their search process.

Shortly after the announcement of the lineup, however, O.A.R.'s management came to the Music Group saying the band was not comfortable headlining the show.

"It's just really bizarre considering their track record of selling out Madison Square Garden and playing numerous colleges throughout the country, so it came as quite a surprise to us that they weren't even interested in headlining," Canavan said.

Canavan added that the band also has another performance

in South Florida the next day, so their management wanted the second spot in order to get back on the road in time to make it to the next show.

"We think that maybe Pitbull has more hype right now, and he could be a more fun act for the night," said senior Andrew Levy, a member of the Music Group.

"O.A.R.'s fun and everyone knows their songs, but Pitbull's more new and the more hip act, I guess. So we think they would be a better closer and people would have more fun."

Both Canavan and Levy said they think Pitbull's act will be the better fit for the Quake

headliner, especially with his more upbeat, hip-hop style.

"It's not really the lengths that are switching, it's more of the genre," Levy said. "It'll be more of an upbeat segue into Thursday night."

And Canavan said he thinks the switch could be a positive change.

"It may be a blessing in disguise that we have these three artists and the set changes are going to be quick. Hopefully it'll keep people into it and nobody's going to get bored," Canavan said.

"That's our main goal, we want everyone to have a good time." ■

Student Health Center debunks H1N1 myths

by SARA GAST
News Editor

No, Vanderbilt isn't just testing cases for H1N1 on Mondays to keep numbers down, and no, classes won't be cancelled anytime soon, although a record number of students have gone to the Student Health Center over the past couple weeks.

Those myths are just a few of the rumors flying around campus seemingly as fast as the H1N1 virus, a strain of influenza A that is commonly referred to as swine flu.

About 350 campus cases of an influenza-like illness had been diagnosed as of Thursday morning, dating back to mid-August. Nearly all of those who have the flu, both seasonal and H1N1, recover within three to four days. Dr. Louise Hanson, the medical director for student health services, said in an e-mail Thursday morning that the number of patients seen by Student Health over the past week has "settled down somewhat," as well. About 30 patients per day had presented with an ILI two weeks ago, but that number dropped to about 15 patients per day this past week.

And Hanson wants to stress that the university is still testing for H1N1.

The Student Health Center sends cases to state testing centers on Monday per the request of the Tennessee Department of Health. Student Health is part of the state's Sentinel Provider Network, made up of hundreds of clinics, hospitals, and doctors' offices across the state that each have an assigned day on which to send cases for testing. The state's purpose is to



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find and monitor what illnesses are out there, not to individually treat patients, Hanson said in an earlier interview.

"The testing that we send to the state — only on Mondays at THEIR request since other clinics send samples on other days — is to assist the Tennessee Department of Health in their surveillance and is for public health reasons," Hanson wrote Thursday. "This surveillance serves to determine what strains of influenza are circulating in our state, determine resistance patterns and detect patterns of illness."

The routine of sending Monday's cases for testing has been in place for a long time and continues regardless of the presence or absence of specific illnesses, including H1N1.

"We know from our data, as well as data from other Sentinel Providers, that the novel H1N1 influenza strain is the dominant one now and that minimal to no seasonal flu is circulating at this time," Hanson wrote, adding that the university has not received any other confirmations of seasonal flu since a case in late August. "Most of the samples that we (and others) have sent to the state have been positive for H1N1 influenza."

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Vaccine gets FDA's nod, trials show promise

by SARA GAST
News Editor

The Food and Drug Administration approved the H1N1 vaccine this week, with the first shipments scheduled to arrive in early to mid-October.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourage everyone to get vaccinated for both H1N1 and seasonal influenza.

"Student Health has already given 1000 doses of seasonal vaccine and is hopeful that the rest of our shipments should arrive over the next few weeks, so that all students who desire seasonal flu vaccination will be able to get that done before seasonal influenza begins to circulate widely," Dr. Louise Hanson, the medical director for student health services wrote in an e-mail Thursday morning. "I would strongly recommend that students receive both the seasonal and the H1N1 vaccinations. We are optimistic at this point that our supplies for both vaccines will be adequate to vaccinate all students who desire vaccination."

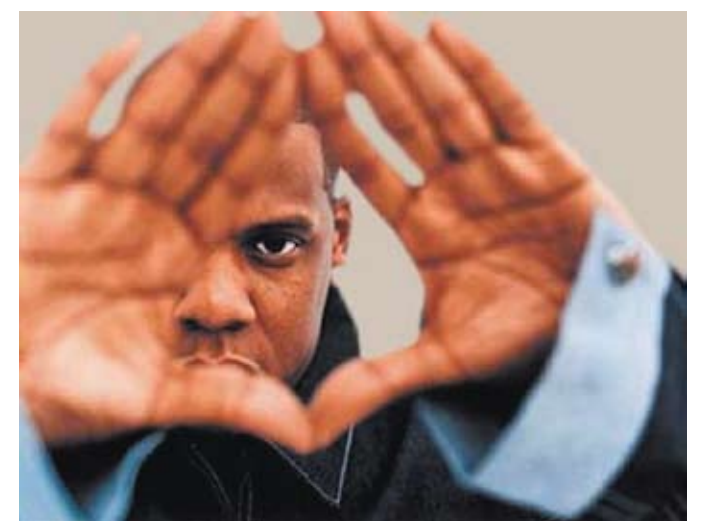
Dr. William Schaffner, chair of the Department of Preventive Medicine, also urged that all students get vaccinated for both viruses and expressed his satisfaction with the vaccine trial process and FDA approval.

"We're all pleased that FDA has licensed the H1N1 vaccine and are especially pleased that young adults will require only a single administration (inoculation or nasal spray). That should help us protect more people, faster," he said. Many health officials had thought that the vaccine would be a two-shot process.

"The Vanderbilt H1N1 vaccine trials have been going very well and the vaccine has caused very few, if any, adverse reactions," he said. "The vaccine should be very effective because the H1N1 virus has remained genetically stable. Thus, the vaccine ought to match the circulating virus very accurately and be maximally effective."

Influenza is most harmful to those who have compromised immune systems or are otherwise considered "high risk." That also includes those with diabetes and asthma.

H1N1 is expected to remain prevalent throughout the flu season, which typically ends in late March. ■



JAY-Z

Students react to Jay-Z concert announcement

MEGAN MILLARD, junior
"I'm pretty pumped for Jay-Z, especially because I have a feeling he will bring Beyonce along with him."

BLAKE GREEN, freshman
"It honestly doesn't really affect me. It's not the kind of music that I listen to."

WYNTER FOLEY, junior
"I was so excited. I was screaming in the library."

ALEX LONGSTRETH, junior
"I don't know any of his songs. Where's the country music?!?"

ALICIA SELLS, junior
"Why isn't Beyonce coming?"

SONJA TOMLIN, junior
"Vanderbilt seriously needs to get some better artists. Rites of Spring was mediocre. Why do we keep getting these mainstream hip-hop artists who are likely on their way to prison?"

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AROUND THE LOOP

What are your thoughts on having A&S classes on Peabody campus?

"It's the worst thing in the entire world. Teachers should account for the fact that you have to run across main campus to get there every day."
— Lexi Haugh, 2012

"I think it's a good mix of interaction with people you don't normally see. Plus Commons food. Who wouldn't want to have lunch at Commons? I think it's especially nice for sophomores to revisit where we lived last year."
— Carly Bigi, 2012

"It's not that bad because I'm a Peabody student. I can see where a long walk would be frustrating if you had classes back-to-back though."
— Brant Bonetti, 2012

"It would be different if it wasn't in these residence halls all the way in the back of campus."
— Gabrielle Levine, 2012

CRIME LOG

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2:48 a.m.: Vehicle stopped for speeding and driver admitted to drinking.

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 11:59 p.m.: Two people were found looking into vehicles in East Garage.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 4 a.m.: Person passed out on back dock of T.G.I. Friday's on West End Ave. He had strong odor of alcohol.

Monday, Sept. 14, 8:30 a.m.: Graffiti found in Divinity Library. "Noz" was written in seven places. "Kilroy was here" was written on wall on second floor.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 12:50 p.m.: Bicycle stolen from Currey Hall.

PROFESSOR SPOTLIGHT

Patricia Armstrong

French and Italian
5 years at Vanderbilt



The Director of CASPAR (College of Arts and Science Pre-major Academic Advising Resources), Professor Armstrong is also a senior lecturer in the French and Italian department here at Vanderbilt. Prior to receiving her post-graduate degree at Vanderbilt, Professor Armstrong taught at Yale and Princeton universities.

CHRISTOPHER HONIBALL / The Vanderbilt Hustler

1. What classes do you teach?

I teach two classes: French 201W and French 261. French 261 is a seminar on the age of Louis XIV. We look at literature, architecture and fashion from the 17th century.

2. What's your favorite place in Nashville?

Radnor Lake State Park, which is a nature preserve with hiking and walking trails. My son and I go there a lot. One day when we were there and as we were walking along the road, a whole group of otters just swam along with us. It's just a great place to go and relax.

3. What is your favorite food?

Bananas.

4. What was your first job?

Bagging groceries. My parents were so proud that I was the first girl bagboy the store hired. Apparently, it was a very gendered activity up to the '70s and '80s.

5. Do you have any pet peeves?

When I hold the door open for someone, and the person does not say "Thank you." And also when people try and cut in line, but I'm guessing most people don't like that either.

6. If you could have dinner with anyone, dead or alive, who would it be?

Not surprisingly, I am vacillating between two French intellectuals. My first response is Blaise Pascal. He has a beautiful prose style, but I don't think he was very pleasant to be around. So, I think I'll choose Michel de Montaigne. I think we would have a good conversation as well as good wine and good food given that he was from the Bordeaux region of France.

7. How difficult is juggling advising and teaching?

It takes a fair amount of energy, because I like to get to know my students on a one-to-one basis and to meet all my students' individual interests, concerns and needs.

8. How did you develop an interest in your area of study?

I wanted to go back to grad school to pursue my Ph.D., and after considering all my options, I just decided that I would get a Ph.D. in French. So I went to France for a year to actually develop the skills necessary to get the degree. When I was there, I started reading 18th-century writers. I really enjoyed reading their works, so I applied to Yale with the idea of studying 18th-century French literature. And then I took a seminar on Rousseau; I couldn't have disliked reading Rousseau more. The next semester I took a seminar on Pascal, who wrote during the 17th century, and I fell in love. And the 17th-century aesthetic is actually very well adapted to my temperament.

9. What advice would you give students to make the most of their four years at Vanderbilt?

Don't believe that you need to follow a path that is well-marked and well-trod. Follow your own interests and passions. With more stimulation, you do better work. A story that I think most students will find interesting is about a woman who opened a store called Vosges. She was an A&S Vanderbilt student majoring in Chemistry and Psychology. And now she is creating completely new gourmet chocolates, opening boutiques in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles and Las Vegas.

CALENDAR

THE WEEKEND

FRIDAY, SEPT. 18

• VU Women's Soccer vs. Tennessee Martin

Vanderbilt women's soccer will play Tennessee Martin at the Vanderbilt Soccer/Lacrosse Complex at 7 p.m. Admission is free for students.

• Free movie in Sarratt

VSG presents free movie nights in Sarratt Cinema. "Up!" will be showing at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 19

• VU Football vs. Mississippi State

Come support the Dores against Mississippi State in Vanderbilt Stadium at 6 p.m. Admission is free for students.

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

• Singfest at the Meeting House

This free outdoor concert features several local church choirs, small singing groups, and soloists. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs. Concert will be from 4-6 p.m. on the lawn at the Historic Strother's Meeting House on Scarritt-Bennett Center's campus.

SNAPSHOT

Water fight before the rain storm



MARGARET FENTON / The Vanderbilt Hustler

Rebecca Keng, right, hits Sharda Fields with a water balloon during a game of capture the flag on the Alumni Lawn on Tuesday afternoon at "Get Wet," an event that raised funds for the American Red Cross.

Melodores sing for NBC



ANDY ENKEBOLL / photo provided

The Melodores, the newest male cappella group on campus, auditioned for NBC's new fall show, "The Sing Off," in Atlanta on Wednesday, even though the group has only been together for a week.

by SARA GAST

News Editor

The Melodores, the newest male cappella group on campus, stepped up to the mic for NBC on Wednesday, and they took one step more toward making it onto the network's new show next fall, "The Sing Off."

"We did have a good audition, especially for only a week of practice," President Shane Stever wrote on his trip back to campus Thursday morning. "They were clearly impressed with our sound, but we did kind of get the typical, 'Yeah, we like you, but you'll need to change the whole black and white style thing.' They gave us background checks and a follow-up interview, saying, 'This is a good thing. Not every group gets these,' so that's good. The interview was also taped, and it went really well. They asked us about the origins of the group and tried to get a feel for our collective personality. They seemed really impressed that we had only had one week of practice. They also reiterated that we might need to change our style, which we have no problem doing. To be completely honest, I feel pretty good about making it to the next round. I didn't think I'd feel this way, but right now I do."

But the audition, which was in Atlanta, didn't end up being the most adventurous part of the trip. The group rented a van from Enterprise, but when they went to retrieve it Wednesday morning, they got the wrong van — a problem since it put



To listen to podcasts of the Melodores and read more about the group, go to www.INSIDEVANDY.COM

them one seat short.

And then the van died on the trip back to Nashville, but luckily the group was close to Stever's parents' house outside Atlanta.

"We did have a lot of fun playing RockBand and hanging out at my house, even though we really needed to be back at Vandy," Stever wrote. After a couple angry conversations with Enterprise, the guys got back on the road and now have to wait for a few weeks to hear back from NBC executives. ■

Family Weekend

October 2-4, 2009

Registration

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When you arrive on Campus: Be sure to stop at the Family Weekend registration in the Board of Trust room at the Student Life Center to pick up your weekend packet and schedule.

Registration Times:

Friday, October 2 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday, October 3 8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Cost

\$15 registration per person (waived for Vanderbilt students and children 12 and under)

Note: Additional charges apply for some events

Participate in faculty lectures, campus tours, various open houses and other events.

For a full schedule of events, visit www.vanderbilt.edu/familyweekend

Optional Campus Tours:

Architectural Tours: Friday 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:00 p.m.
leaves from Rand Terrace (bookstore side)

Botanical Tours: Friday 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.
leaves from Rand Terrace (alumni lawn side)

Historical Tours: Friday 1:00 p.m., Saturday 11 a.m.
leaves from steps of Kirkland Hall

Campus Tours: 11:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m.
2305 West End Ave., First come first served

McGugin Athletic Facility Tour: 11:45 a.m.
leaves from Memorial Gym Terrace

Faculty Lectures:

All Lectures Given Friday

Blair: “The Storyteller: Time T. Hall and the Changing Language of Country Music” by Peter Cooper
1:30-2:20 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema

Peabody: “How We Know What Isn’t So” by Andrew Van Schaack
1:30-2:20p.m. in Student Life Center, Ballroom C

A&S: “A Speech that Chened America: JFK and the Catholic Problem in the 1960 Campaign” by Bonnie Dow
2:40-3:30 p.m. in Sarratt Cinema

Engineering: “Engineers Don’t Drive Trains” by Kenneth F. Galloway
2:40-3:30 p.m. in Student Life Center, Ballroom C

Library: “Resisting Slavery in Nashville” by Richard J.M. Blackett
2:40-3:30 p.m. in Peabody Library, Fireside Reading Room



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Sigma Lambda Gamma becomes newest chartered Greek chapter

by SARA GAST
News Editor

Women who want options within the Greek community have one that will be staying around for a while.

Sigma Lambda Gamma, a multicultural sorority associated with Panhellenic Council, was granted its charter this week, about two years after 10 women colonized the organization on campus. The Gamma Delta chapter is the first Sigma Lambda Gamma entity in Tennessee.

Although the group has Latina roots, the sorority has embraced a multi-cultural approach.

"What we pride ourselves on is our multicultural," said junior Mia Crusto, who was part of the founding group. "We represent something like 20 ethnicities, and we're just 15 women. We come from a lot of different backgrounds, and not just culturally. We have different backgrounds, different majors and different values."

Tanner Marcantel, the associate director for Greek life, said he's excited about the opportunity this presents.

"It's a wonderful option and an additional opportunity for women to get involved," Marcantel said, who noted that about half of all women are associated with a Greek organization, whether it be member of Panhellenic or National Pan-Hellenic Council, and potential members now have 15 sororities from which to choose.

"I think women here have a fantastic variety of Greek options," Marcantel said.

President Preiyaa Gopinath said she's learned from the diverse values within the group, and she hopes the sorority doesn't lose that variety going forward.

"I want the future sisters, future chapter members to be as diverse as this group of women and not be limited in any way," Gopinath said. "We have a really good group of women with all different backgrounds who are involved in different things with different principles. ... I want to have the organization be a tool to empower women. Anyone has a chance to belong."



MIA CRUSTO / photo provided

Members of the founding line of Sigma Lambda Gamma posed on their Homecoming float last October. The original 10 women began the process of colonizing in the fall of 2007.

For some members, sticking to their diverse roots is more important than being the most popular sorority.

"My hope for the chapter's future is not necessarily to grow to become a one of the largest Greek organizations on campus but rather to continue to find women who embody our principles and promote multiculturalism and to be known around campus for doing so," said senior Ekim Essien.

To get to this point, the chapter had a set of requirements to meet, including a fundraiser, academic excellence, involvement in other organizations and membership of at least 15 women.

"It was just surreal to hear the news that we had achieved chapter status. It's just great to see all of the hard work that the founders and rest of the women have put in finally culminate in becoming a chapter," Essien said.

Members said the Greek community was supportive through the process, and

Marcantel echoed that sentiment, saying both he and Kristin Torrey, the director of Greek life, were both excited to have a multicultural-driven sorority on campus.

But that doesn't mean the group didn't have hurdles to overcome. Crusto said they struggled with the fundraiser and getting 15 women, a process made more difficult since, as Marcantel pointed out, Sigma Lambda Gamma doesn't participate in a formal recruitment, like much of Panhellenic. Instead, women express their interest to chapter members in an informal process.

For Crusto, that's how she realized she had a place in the Greek community.

"Coming here I wanted to be involved in Greek Life but I didn't know where I fit, Crusto said. "When I got to know the women in Sigma Lambda Gamma, I knew this is where I fit in, where I wanted to be. There are no stereotypes, no pretensions. We love everyone, as cheesy as that sounds." ■

Kissam experience not as bad as expected

by ETHEL MICKEY
Staff Reporter

After being a part of the first class to live in The Commons, sophomores living in Kissam Quad this year have had to make some adjustments to their housing style.

They now live away from the rest of their classmates in dorms that have become taboo on campus. There are no brand new facilities, no spacious rooms and no roommate to grab dinner with. Also gone is the feeling of a tight-knit community, which included both students and faculty alike.

But Elena Talbott, a sophomore living in Kissam Hall, found that many of her worries were unsubstantial.

"My friends and I lived in Gillette last year, which was a renovated dorm and not exactly the best place on The Commons," Talbott said. "I was perturbed when I found out I was going to be in Kissam because it seemed like I was getting the bad end of both deals."

Although Talbott had some complaints like the older facilities and dirty bathrooms, she admitted that she loves having a single room.

"I like having my own space, and it's quieter over here than Branscomb," she said. "I know a lot of the girls on my hall from last year, and we all get along."

Talbott also has been taking advantage of the new renovations made to Kissam last year, such as the workout room in Reinke Hall and the Munchie Mart in Hemingway.

Annie Leech also lives in Kissam Hall,

MORE NEXT WEEK

The Kissam Programming Council will host its first official event, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, on Monday, Sept. 21.

and she too found her situation better than she initially expected.

"It really has not been an issue at all," Leech said. "I was worried. I am a Peabody student, so it's a far walk to class every day, but that's truly the only issue."

Faculty members hoped to prevent a tough sophomore transition before Kissam residents even had arrived back on campus. Over the summer, Office of Housing and Residential Life staff paired with Vanderbilt Student Government to create the Kissam Experience Committee. The committee resulted in part from surveys taken at the end of the spring semester by freshmen living on The Commons and from students living in Kissam. The survey asked residents what programs they benefited from, what they would like to continue seeing in the resident halls, and what could be changed about their living communities.

In response, the committee created the Kissam Programming Council, which was modeled off of the successful House Council program used on The Commons last year. Scott Rausch, associate director of the Office of Housing and Residential Education and part of the faculty leadership on the committee, explained that the goal of the KPC is "to continue to expand the Living and Learning Centers and to create

a bridge from the Commons experience to the upperclass experience."

VSG Vice President Lori Murphy was also on the experience committee and explained that the new KPC will be two-fold, with one focus on programming events solely for residents living in the quad and another on student-driven inquiry projects. This second focus is called the Kissam Learning Initiative in Collaborative Knowledge projects, in which residents will work closely with the committee, faculty and alumni advisers.

"The council is designed to meet student needs," Murphy said. "There will be a better use of resources and funding, programs will be bigger, more vibrant and completely driven by residents."

KPC will consist of eight VSG members: one representative from each hall in the quadrangle, one head resident and one resident adviser. Their goal is to unite the quad as a tight-knit community, similar to that of The Commons.

And since the area primarily houses sophomores, the council hopes that commonality will facilitate the creation of a cohesive group, instead of having halls filled with isolated students in singles.

"The Kissam experience is built, in part, on the tradition that residents of Kissam have greatly enjoyed the new independence that Kissam singles can provide," Rausch said. "Our goal in this project is to take what is already there, add some student driven structure, and allow for the enthusiasm of the Commons to shine through and solidify the already strong community." ■

VSG HOUSE ELECTION WINNERS

COMMONS:

Crawford House Vice President: Doug Woodcock
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East House Vice President: Adam Hemingway
East House Secretary: Ann Ding
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Gillette House Secretary: James Crater
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Ingram House Secretary: Maryli Cheng
Memorial House Vice President: Jessie Light
Memorial House Secretary: Emily Francis
Murray House Vice President: Victoria Wright
Murray House Secretary: Tara Shrout
North House Vice President: Trevor Geller
North House Secretary: Marwah Shahid
Stambaugh House Vice President: Shelby Begany
Sutherland House Vice President: Juliana Kafka
Sutherland House Secretary: Matt Berger
West House Vice President: Jordan Reeve
West House Secretary: Katie Ivy

ALUMNI LAWN:

Cole House President: Xiaoyu Qi
McTyeire House President: Jordan Silversmith
Vanderbilt House President: Chelsea Hamilton

BRANSCOMB QUAD:

Lupton House President: Nikhil Kulkarni

HIGHLAND QUAD:

Chaffin President: Eric Leiberman
Morgan House President: Elizabeth Wood

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Currey House President: Jennifer Wang
Dyer House President: Abby Gravenhorst
Mims House President: Andrew Sennett
Reinke House President: Billy Stevenson

TOWERS:

Towers 1 House President: Veronica Hawkins
Towers 2 House President: Cameron Hill
Towers 3 House President: Corrinne Peterson
Towers 4 House President: W.P. Roe

FIRST YEAR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

Arts and Sciences: Mayank Bishnoi
Engineering: Lauren Johnson
Peabody: Sara Greenberg

H1N1: Student Health sees over 200 patients daily

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Every day Student Health evaluates students for ILIs, regardless if the state is testing the case. The TDOH Web site says since confirmation can take up to two weeks, a patient's treatment should not depend on what the state test reveals.

"The decision to treat patients is based primarily on their history (including exposures) and physical exam, combined with other testing at the Student Health Center, depending on the clinical scenario," Hanson wrote. "If we see a patient with fever and sore throat, for example, it may not be clear to us on physical exam whether that patient may have flu or something else like mono or strep throat. Most flu patients are fairly easily identified as having flu based on their exam and history, but sometimes early in these illnesses, it's hard to tell."

Since other illnesses can be counted within the ILI number, it is not always a good indicator of the number of flu cases on campus or how sick a community is.

And students who are presenting with these other illnesses are going to Student Health in record-high numbers.

"We've been seeing about 220 total patients per day, which is far busier than even our most busy winter day," Hanson wrote, "meaning that we are seeing high numbers of other illnesses and injuries that actually far exceed the number of daily influenza cases."

Students are encouraged by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to try to isolate themselves as much as possible while they have flu-like symptoms, including for at least 24 hours after their fever leaves. Student Health won't have a Sunday flu clinic this weekend, but it will be open on Saturday morning for its regular hours. ■

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COLUMN

Immoral Swine



KATHERINE MILLER
Columnist

Things have changed, though, and it all comes back to one forgotten secret: Swine flu is a plague of morality, y'all. Before, H1N1 was just after a few nights of raging. But now it's attacking sex!

It started when the Health Center coined the term of the young century last week, offering the non-swine students "preventive Tamiflu, if the exposure is 'intimate' (intimate partner or roommate)". Intimate partner? It is a term straight out of the woe-be-gone histrionic tale of, like, Brian and Jennifer and their flannel and acid washed denim and poofy hair back in "She Said No, He Said Yes: A Rad Approach to Solving Sexual Harassment" and other early 1990s health videos.

Now, rumor has it that the gynecologist at the Student Health Center is only seeing one girl a day and canceling appointments. So if you're looking to play some October baseball, become somebody's intimate partner, if you will, you'd better have all the t's crossed on your prescriptions.

But, damn these times, finding an intimate partner can be difficult anyway, because, shocker, everybody has swine flu. Nothing like putting a solo cup and your ENTIRE hand into

a frat formal cooler with a handle of Everclear, the misbegotten dreams of becoming someone's intimate partner, a handle of vodka and red Kool-Aid to brew up the swine flu vapors.

"Attack of the Swine Flu" may be like the 700 Club sequel to "Mission Impossible II." No romance, no fevered working against the clock in close quarters, no doves flying in slow motion as Tom Cruise's hair flaps up and down, just a lot of sad, lonely people in rain boots Facebook stalking wistfully and watching the Food Network, crying and eating and saying to no one, "I hate everybody."

The villains, as always, rise from the ranks of conservative mobs. Stowed away somewhere, sitting in folding chairs stolen from your grandparents in a random field in the Midwest, a contingency of hardcore social cons devised the virus to instill morality among them morally bankrupt youths—like "Good Girls Go Bad," except in equally horrifying reverse.

Soon, we'll all be sitting around trilling, "It's this war madness, isn't it?" "I'm awfully sorry, darling," to our intimate partners, Merchant Ivory style. "Let's make love and not think about the future." "Think about the war."

Will Vandy let swine flu defeat the right to rage? Not if history teaches our intimate partners and us anything. Seriously, if it history taught one thing, it would be that. So, fight on, Commodores.

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At a Glance: InsideVandy Blogs

THE SPORTS BLOG

This ought to be good

BY DAVID RUTZ

I don't like Tennessee football. I'm hard-pressed to think of any true Vanderbilt fans who do. I'm not going to sit and list the reasons why because I'd run out of space.

At the center of the mass of annoying orangeness that is UT is new head coach Lane Kiffin, who has compiled a sterling 6-16 record in the pros and college and conducts himself as if those numbers were reversed. His cheap shots at respected schools and coaches in addition to his well-documented recruiting violations haven't endeared him to anyone else in the conference.

So it goes without saying that even more that I'll be tuning in to CBS on Saturday when Tennessee, under loud-mouthed, underachieving Kiffin, who made the major-league mistake of saying when he was hired that he looked forward to seeing "Rocky Top" all night long after beating Florida, takes on the Gators.

VANDY ABROAD

NUI, Galway goes old school

BY MIKE WARREN

As I've been settling into my classes, I've started to notice something very peculiar about some of my classmates. Many of them are a year or two younger than me, since I'm a senior and the history program here is a three-year program. But there was something about a smaller number of students that struck me: some of them are old. Really old.

Okay, "old" is a relative term. I know there are great-grandmothers climbing mountains and 95-year-old college graduates, but those are exceptions. When I say "really old", I mean that they are old enough to look out of place next to their 20-year-old classmates with iPods, young clothes, and youthful sense of entitlement (and no, there isn't an Irish version of Frank the Tank that I've seen). I'd say the most "old people" I have in one lecture is 10 in a class of 60. That's a lot of people going to college who aren't college-aged. What's the deal?

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COLUMN

Sorry, I'm not an engineer

WILL BRIGGS

Guest Columnist

I usually avoid doling out harsh criticism unless it's for a really, really important occasion, like when players on my favorite teams under-perform or when people commit dumb vocal errors in everyday speech, and even when the sticky tack holding up one of my posters loses its stickiness and the poster falls down. So it came as no big surprise to me that a column in Friday's edition of The Hustler titled "Holistic approach leaves holes in college education" aroused my all-too familiar tendency to sweat the small stuff and not even bother with bigger things.

In the article, Thomas Shattuck decided to spew the typical engineering-student-type smack about how education isn't really effective unless you take math and science courses and complains about how core requirements have been relaxed in recent years so students can actually occasionally decide what courses they want to take. Aside from sounding jealous about actually having electives, he taints his own argument by means of self-contradiction and ignoring certain facts about education. You might even say he fails to take a holistic view of the problem, if indeed there is a problem.

I'm not sure about everyone else, but I find the core requirements laid down by Vanderbilt's College of Arts and Science to be quite annoying as they are now. Over one-third of all of the classes Arts and Science students take during their career (for a total of 45-48 credit hours depending on their SAT writing score, so really just 45) have to fulfill some sort of AXLE requirement, whether it be math and natural sciences, humanities, writing, or even perspectives, which drastically cuts down on students' abilities to take more specialized courses. This, however, is not the thrust of his argument, which is essentially that we pot-smoking hippies need more math and science or else we'll be lost in the big, scary world outside of college. Increasing the math

and natural sciences requirement, or enforcing more stringent limits on what courses qualify as MNS courses (so they could accommodate the real sciences, not those fake ones) would neither be fair to students who have little to no interest in these subjects, nor to the holistic approach that AXLE annoyingly provides by having students' GPAs plummet courtesy of the math department. If Shattuck were to have his way, we might as well start calling AXLE "The Authoritarian Math and Science Requirement Put In Place So Engineers Can Feel Better About Themselves." (It has a nice ring to it, don't you think?)

This brings me to my two main problems with his argument. First, if college is supposed to be about exploring different paths, why does one path need to be emphasized more than others or even held up as providing the highest level of education? Second, this is Vanderbilt. People actually took advanced courses in high school; courses like calculus, chemistry, biology and physics. They even took AP tests in these subjects, and if they performed well enough on them, these students receive college credit. So why do they need to be exposed to these "cornerstones of modern science" any further? When will a psychology major ever need to think about how to "integrate an equation to determine the volumetric flow rate of a pipe" when all this poor psych major wants to do is become a therapist, especially when they've been through that personal hell already?

So as I ponder the contradiction that is how an even bigger emphasis on math and science in our engineering/pre-med crazed student body will make a liberal arts program more holistic, I wonder if Shattuck needs to take one of those "fake" math and natural science courses himself: Philosophy 102: General Logic.

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COLUMN

Exercise is still a good thing



KATIE DES PREZ
Columnist

All sorts of things have been blamed for what we in the States like to call the "obesity epidemic." Fast food restaurants have incredibly clever marketing campaigns. High-fructose corn syrup gets in our system and messes everything all up (seriously check it out; that stuff is in everything). Now, according to John Cloud's article "Why Exercise Won't Make You Thin" in Time's August 9th issue, we can add exercise to the list of the things that are making us fat. I understand that weight loss can be a complicated issue, and for a lot of people it is a legitimate struggle. But listen, John Cloud, just because you still have a little cushion doesn't mean that you can decide that exercise is to blame. Embrace the endorphins and chill out.

The argument is that because exercise makes us hungry, it makes us fat. This theory clashes with study after study showing that the best method for consistently keeping weight off is a combination of exercise and diet. It also neglects to consider that weight loss, though a benefit for some, is not the point

of exercising. Cloud's ideas are based on two things: his personal frustration and single study that was conducted in Louisiana, one of the nation's fattest states. That's like doing a study on beer consumption and choosing Frat Row on a series of Saturdays as the hub. Bad idea.

The Louisiana study compared groups of women who consistently exercised with a group who did not, with both groups supposedly maintaining their normal eating habits. The exercisers lost no more weight than non-exercisers, but the reasons why have nothing to do with exercise and everything to do with people's whacked-out thinking processes. Yes, working out can make you a little hungrier, but whether you eat an apple or drink a calorie-bomb of a smoothie when you finish your workout is completely up to you. Running a few miles doesn't mean that you can suddenly eat as much as you want and still maintain your weight.

Cloud's article is nothing revolutionary. He gets at what we already know: if you eat more calories than you burn, you will gain weight. The piece also has a few factual errors. For example, Cloud tries to convince

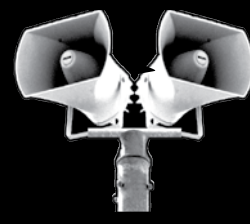
readers that you can indeed turn fat into muscle through exercise. You can't. Bring me a tub of lard, exercise it, and turn it into bacon, and I'll eat it.

Even if Mr. Cloud were onto something, there is no point in discouraging people from exercising when it facilitates so many great things that have nothing to do with weight. Practically everything good for you comes from exercise, including brain cells, which are excellent to have.

This brings me to our student body, often invigorated with the impulse to work out right before fraternity formals or Spring Break, times when brain cells stand little chance. If people decide that they are going to exercise for a week so that they can drink copiously that weekend, they are not only defeating the purpose of exercise, but they are also totally misunderstanding its mechanisms. To those out there who quantify your workouts by how many shots you're burning: that's enough. Go enjoy your party, and invite John Cloud, because he needs to relax.

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THE RANT



What is on your mind?

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Compiled by Ryan Sullivan

"Kids in front of me with MacBooks. You don't need all those apps in your dock. How often are you running OASIS? System profiler? iDVD? Never, that's when. Clean it up. You look like an idiot."

"Greek Life Policy: Lock down all the frats except the SINGLE DRY ONE. Let them get away with murder. Good plan. It's not like their house is the least socially responsible or anything."

"As much as I love playing real world Frogger when leaving the Rec, can we please get a crosswalk painted on 25th?"

"To the couple in calc: We can all see you. Do us all a favor and leave your canoodling and finger sucking for sometime other than class."

"Hey Housing: KILL the InterVU! Oh, great, you changed it! Now it takes more paper, more ink and NO ONE READS IT. You want to really make a green move? Stop printing 5,000 copies of this every week. Make it a Twitter or an e-mail for Christ's sake."

"I'm excited for Jay-Z, but this makes the Quake line-up look even more lame..."

"To the person who said the Rites Lineup appears 'even more lame' with the announcement of Jay-Z: You are an idiot. The Music Group made the Jay-Z booking. And O.A.R. represents the party band at Quake, finally."

COLUMN

Hats off to Norman Borlaug, unsung hero



JESSE JONES
Columnist

Norman Borlaug, father of agriculture's "Green Revolution" and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize, died this week at age 95. His greatest accomplishment, the fruit of a decade of painstaking labor in the fields of Mexico, was the hybridizing of a high-yielding variety of wheat that grows shorter stalks but produces more grain than previous varieties. This variety was adopted by Mexico, India, and Pakistan, turning these grain importers into exporters. Borlaug also promoted increased use of mechanization, fertilizer, and pesticides. Today an estimated 245 million to 1 billion people are alive as a direct result of Borlaug's work.

Of course, like any great person, Borlaug had his share of haters. Environmentalists such as Rachel Carson blasted the Green Revolution for its use of pesticides. Though overuse of pesticides runs the risk of damaging the environment and negating the very benefits they confer, we cannot be blinded to pesticides' benefits when used in moderation. Other charges leveled against Borlaug include promotion of a monoculture susceptible to disease — a situation we face regardless given that the majority of the world's calories come from just four staple crops: wheat, rice, corn, and potatoes. Borlaug acknowledged the need for continual improvement while denouncing environmental "elitists" who "never went to sleep hungry."

Today, thanks to bioengineering, we may be on the verge of another Green Revolution. For example, "Golden Rice," named for the golden hue conferred by the increased amount of vitamin A, could help reduce blindness in malnourished children. However, some conspiracy theorists, organic farmers, and organizations such as Greenpeace believe genetically modified (GM) crops — which they call "Frankenfoods" — are a conspiracy to decrease the world's population or an attempt by agribusinesses to establish a monopoly, while religious groups in India and elsewhere see GM crops as a threat to the natural God-given order. The powerful farm lobbyists in Europe prey on such fears to burnish their support of unreasonable subsidies for local

farmers who grow certified "natural" crops. Meanwhile, European leaders' ban on GM crops discourages farmers from America, Africa, and Southeast Asia from adopting these crops. This Luddite resistance has ensured that Golden Rice is still on the shelf 9 years after its creation — not very promising results for an ambitious young scientist looking for a new project.

In fact, humans have been creating "Frankenfoods" for thousands of years, selectively breeding for the biggest and toughest strains of crops. What difference does it make if we accelerate the process by splicing in an extra gene? Environmentalists should welcome any way of increasing agricultural yield from land currently in use, as that would certainly help slow deforestation of the

rainforests — not to mention feeding starving children!

Though Borlaug will never have the star power of an Einstein or a Tesla, his work is equally testament to the power of one scientist to change the course of humanity. Though Borlaug's achievements are remarkable, he predicted that we will still need to double the world's food supply by 2050. It is up to the next generation of researchers to carry on Borlaug's ethos of selfless devotion, and to the rest of society to support all scientific endeavors. In the meantime, hats off to one hell of a man.

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Sports

They'll be ready this time

by DAVID RUTZ
Sports Editor

When Mississippi State rolls into Vanderbilt Stadium on Saturday, the Commodores will remember the last time they met.

The loss in Starkville ruined their perfect start to the season.

Only managing to put up a scant 107 yards of offense, Vanderbilt was smothered by Mississippi State and its cowbell-ringing fans in a 17-14 defeat on Oct. 11, 2008.

"We came out a little flat as a team all together. Offense, defense and special teams, we weren't ready to play that game last year," said senior linebacker Patrick Benoist. "We've really got to get mentally prepared. We've got to get everything sharp and crisp and ready to go."

The Commodores rode into the game with a 5-0 record, on the heels of a thrilling 14-13 win over then-13th-ranked Auburn, and were the toast of the college football world.

They were actually favored to win a conference game and on the road no less.

Instead, the loss began a four-game slide in which Vanderbilt (1-1, 0-1 Southeastern Conference) couldn't manage more than two touchdowns in any of the games. The Commodores wound up 6-6 for the regular season before winning the Music City Bowl.

Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson put the loss down to fundamental issues on his team's part, not on any difference of talent.

"I thought they did a good job of controlling the ball," Johnson said. "We had some execution problems on offense and didn't help ourselves. When you're not executing on offense and they're keeping the ball away from you, every series is important."

Not that Vanderbilt needs any more

incentive to win Saturday and avoid falling into a 0-2 hole in conference play.

Benoist has that on his mind more than any idea of avenging last season's loss.

"It's just another game on the schedule," he said.

On Vanderbilt's side is the fact that Mississippi State's defense represents a considerable step down from stout LSU. The Tigers held the Commodores to seven offensive points (their only other points came on a safety), only the third time that the Commodores failed to crack double digits in the past three seasons, in the 23-9 defeat.

The Bulldogs (1-1, 0-1) were lit up for 589 yards of total offense by Auburn in a 49-24 rout by the Tigers on Sept. 12. They haven't won a road game in nearly two years, and the last time they came to Nashville in 2004, Vanderbilt crushed them, 31-13.

Redshirt junior Reilly Lauer, likely to take the place of injured James Williams at right tackle, offered a simple philosophy for Vanderbilt's offensive plan.

"We're looking to take it and pound the ball down their throats pretty much," he said.

Still running back Anthony Dixon and dual threat quarterbacks Chris Relf and Tyson Lee can present problems on offense. Dixon rushed for 107 yards in last year's game, the same amount of offense the entire Commodore team was able to muster. Lee passed for just 81 yards, but he also had a touchdown pass and ran several times for first downs to help the Bulldogs control the clock.

"We've really got to plug up the holes inside," Benoist said. "They've got a couple quarterbacks who can make some plays. We've got to be able to contain them and go out and execute." ■



Mississippi State at Vanderbilt

Saturday, Sept. 19
Kickoff is at 6 p.m. CDT
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The Commodores hope to avenge last season's 17-14 loss in Starkville that snapped their 5-game winning streak to begin 2008.

While Mississippi State leads the all-time series, the Bulldogs lost 31-13 when the teams last met in Nashville on Oct. 2, 2004.



ROGELIO V. SOLIS/AP
Christian Ducré (29) rushes for a clinching touchdown in MSU's 17-14 win last season.

Lauer looking forward to opportunity

by EMILY NATOLI
Sports Reporter

As if Vanderbilt coach Bobby Johnson didn't have enough on his plate already with the loss of co-captain and starting safety Ryan Hamilton, he has to worry about replacing redshirt sophomore offensive lineman James Williams.

Williams, in his second career start, was carted away in the third quarter of last week's game against LSU with a broken left ankle. With the position of offensive tackle deserted, Johnson stated, "We're still searching."

Aiding the search is redshirt junior Reilly Lauer. Lauer, who proved successful last season with 10 starts at left tackle, has the most experience of Vanderbilt's back-ups and is ready to go.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity. It really stinks losing James, he's a great player," he said. "I'm just really excited to get out on the field."

Due to his previous starting experience, Lauer feels up to the task. He missed a three-game stretch in the middle of the season but that doesn't take away from his confidence.

"It takes a lot of pre-game jitters out," he said. "Just going out and getting the job done, not having to worry about things and knowing what's going on."

At last year's contest, the Mississippi State Bulldogs ruined the Commodores' perfect start with a 17-14 victory. Lauer expects the same kind of play, but with a different result.

"I think they'll play us a lot like they played us last year, run a lot of Okie (5-3) out front," Lauer said.

Is last year's loss still in mind?

"First and foremost," he said. "Avenge that one. That was a pretty bad loss last year for us and not something we're looking to repeat."

With fresh legs on the field and payback on their mind, Commodore fans have a lot to look forward to come Saturday night. ■



FRANCIS SIMPSON/The Vanderbilt Hustler
Reilly Lauer (68) celebrates a touchdown run by Chris Nickson (3) in last year's 38-21 victory over Rice. Lauer shared Offensive Player of the Week honors on the team after the Commodores racked up 273 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

Caldwell called on to replace Hamilton at safety



CHRIS PHARE/The Vanderbilt Hustler
Joel Caldwell (29) has plenty of experience in the secondary.

by SARAH GILLMAN
Sports Reporter

Joel Caldwell feels confident filling the immense gap left by teammate and fifth year senior Ryan Hamilton in free safety. Coach Bobby Johnson displays no reservations about Caldwell's newly acquired starting status, and he has his team's support, as well.

Caldwell has prepared himself for any opportunity on the field and was not caught off guard when it came time for him to step into Hamilton's spot in the LSU game on Saturday after the co-captain tore his pectoral muscle.

"I had to step up to the plate," he said. "You never know, one play could determine someone's season, or one play you've got to make a play."

Hamilton won't play again this year, but he set an example for Caldwell by always being prepared, which Caldwell believes is the key to success at the position.

"It's all mental," he said. "If you know your assignment, then come game days, it's like slow-paced. It's like slow action to you if you study it."

This kind of readiness brought Caldwell incredibly close to making that "one play" this past Saturday when he had a diving interception that was called back due to defensive holding.

Caldwell is aiming for at least two picks in this weekend's game against Mississippi State to make up for the one he lost in Baton Rouge.

His solid performance against conference power LSU enhanced his confidence when it comes to being able to contribute on the field.

"It helped show me that I can really compete against the SEC schools," he said. "You've got to step on the field and always be like, 'I'm the best player. I'm going to make plays.'"

Johnson seems to agree with Caldwell and shares the same assurance in the free safety's abilities.













"It's not like Joel's never played," Johnson said. "I don't think it's going to be a big deal."

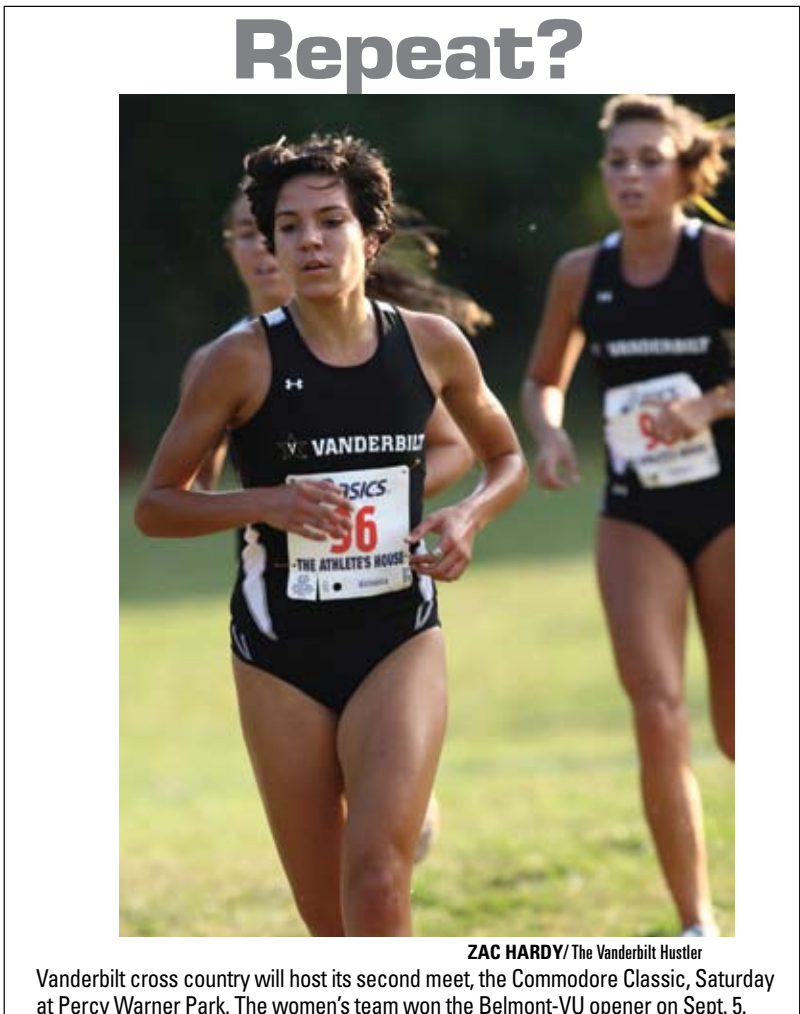
Caldwell also has the support of Hamilton as he looks to fill the vacant leadership role on the field. When Caldwell text messaged Hamilton following his surgery to let him know he was praying for him, Hamilton was quick to offer his support and advice.

"[Hamilton] told me, 'I've got to go out there, really step up to the plate, and help the young guys, we really do have a young secondary,'" he said. "I believe in them and we've got to fill in his shoes." ■

Who's got the edge? MSU vs. Vanderbilt		
compiled by: BRANDON CONWAY		
EDGE	QUARTERBACKS	EDGE
	Don't be fooled by Larry Smith's stats from the LSU game, marred by weather and dropped passes. Smith has shown poise in the pocket and knows not to immediately use his legs if the first receiver is not open. MSU is using a two QB system, splitting snaps between Chris Relf and Tyson Lee. Relf has a nice ability to run, but showed questionable decision making with his passes against Auburn. Smith has shown better decision-making and has the edge this week.	★
RUNNING BACKS		
STATE	Zac Stacy has looked particularly impressive in his first two weeks at Vanderbilt, and the entire stable of running backs has looked fantastic. As for Mississippi State, Anthony Dixon was thought to be one of the best returning backs in the SEC and just got his legs back under him last week after serving a suspension against Jacksonville State in Week 1. Look for both Stacy and Dixon to get a lot of carries and have a large impact in this game.	★
WIDE RECEIVERS		
STATE	After two games, both Vanderbilt and MSU have shown issues in their receiving corps, as neither team has a receiver with 100 yards on the season. Alex Washington will be looking to make up for last week's bobbled pass that was intercepted and is due to have a breakout game. Leon Berry for MSU also looks to have a big game after a solid debut against Auburn.	★
OFFENSIVE LINE		
	Even without right tackle James Williams, Vanderbilt boasts one of the most experience and deepest offensive lines in the SEC. They have been very good in paving the way for Vanderbilt's young running backs, averaging almost six yards a carry. Mississippi State's offensive line is led by senior Craig Jenkins, but they do not have the experience that Vanderbilt's line has.	★
DEFENSIVE LINE		
	Vanderbilt's line looked somewhat vulnerable against LSU, allowing 178 yards on 42 carries, but Vanderbilt has a strong line and quality depth, and it can expect a stronger performance this week. Mississippi State's defensive line also had issues against Auburn, allowing almost 400 yards on the ground and 5 touchdowns. Vanderbilt's experience on the line gives them the edge over MSU's younger group.	★
LINEBACKERS		
	Chris Marve has been an absolute monster of a linebacker, forcing three fumbles thus far this year. Patrick Benoist has also been outstanding, leading the team in sacks after two games, and Brent Trice has been solid for the Commodores. MSU has a lot of experience in their linebacker corps, as all three starters are juniors or seniors. While their experience makes the unit solid, MSU's linebackers have not shown Vandy's big-play ability.	★
SECONDARY		
	Despite the loss of safety Ryan Hamilton for the year, redshirt senior Joel Caldwell should be able to step in and immediately contribute. Cornerbacks Myron Lewis and Casey Hayward have proven themselves to be one of the best tandems in the league and will be looking to take advantage of an inexperienced quarterback. MSU's secondary has talent but not a lot of experience at this point with senior Marcus Washington leading the way for the Bulldogs.	★
SPECIAL TEAMS		
STATE	Brett Upson has been off to a slow start this season, but we know what he's capable of after last season's MVP performance in the Music City Bowl. Meanwhile, Mississippi State punter, Heath Hutchins, has had a booming start to the year averaging 46.1 yards per punt. The kickers for each team have both had a rough start to the season and are looking to show more consistency this week.	
COACHING		
	Dan Mullen has an impressive background, having worked with Florida mastermind Urban Meyer for so many years, and with the right personnel in place he could be an excellent coach in the future. Until then, the edge still has to go to eighth-year head coach Bobby Johnson who has taken Vanderbilt from being a perennial doormat to a bowl-winning program.	★

SEC POWER RANKINGS Compiled by Alex Walder

	1. Florida (2-0, 0-0 Southeastern Conference) Almost unanimously voted as the top team in the nation, it is clear that Florida is currently not only the best team in the SEC, but also the country.
	2. Alabama (2-0, 0-0) After grabbing a tough win in beating Virginia Tech to open the year, the Tide played in a less dominating way last week but still pulled out a win against FIU. Alabama will face another non-division opponent in North Texas this week, a game in which they hope to control play with their defense and a strong running game.
	3. LSU (2-0, 1-0) Though they started 2-0, the Tigers have yet to separate themselves in either of their games. LSU stuck with their strong defense and used an efficient yet not overly explosive offense win a close battle with Vanderbilt last week. As the 9th ranked team in the AP, LSU will look to assert itself against Louisiana-Lafayette.
	4. Ole Miss (1-0, 0-0) After not having a game last weekend, the Rebels remained in the AP top 5 this week, and should have no problem keeping this spot with a game against Southeastern Louisiana. With its first conference game just around the corner, Ole Miss will need to avoid a sloppy performance in a possible "trap" game.
	5. Georgia (1-1, 1-0) The Bulldogs put together a strong performance against South Carolina to open their conference schedule in their last game. This was the rebound Georgia needed after taking a tough hit to the Big 12's Oklahoma State.
	6. Auburn (2-0, 1-0) Moving to 2-0 last week, the Tigers were able to rack up a nice conference win against Mississippi State. Auburn will look to put together another strong performance against the Big East's West Virginia Mountaineers as they come to visit this Saturday.
	7. Arkansas (1-0, 0-0) Following a week off, Arkansas will host the Georgia Bulldogs this weekend in their first conference game. The Razorbacks will need a similar performance against Georgia to what they had against Missouri State, when they set a school record with 447 passing yards.
	8. Vanderbilt (1-1, 0-1) In a close loss to LSU last weekend, the Commodores showed that they can play with the big guns of the SEC. Young playmakers in the running game continue to put up solid numbers for the Commodores and should continue to do so under the leadership of redshirt sophomore quarterback Larry Smith.
	9. South Carolina (1-1, 0-1) Coming off a solid performance in a losing effort against the Georgia Bulldogs, the Gamecocks will need to bounce back and grab a win against Florida Atlantic this weekend. In their game against the Bulldogs, South Carolina ended up throwing 53 passes, which resulted in over 300 yards passing.
	10. Tennessee (1-1, 0-0) The Volunteers have to travel to the Swamp in Gainesville to take on the top-ranked Florida Gators. This will be especially difficult after a tough loss to UCLA.
	11. Kentucky (1-0, 0-0) Kentucky put together a very strong performance in a 42-point shutout win over Miami (OH), and will now look to extend their record to 2-0 when they face Louisville.
	12. Mississippi State (1-1, 0-1) After opening conference play with a 25-point loss to Auburn, the Bulldogs will look to bounce back as they travel to Nashville to face the Commodores this weekend.



ZAC HARDY / The Vanderbilt Hustler
Vanderbilt cross country will host its second meet, the Commodore Classic, Saturday at Percy Warner Park. The women's team won the Belmont-VU opener on Sept. 5.

Woodard talks about life as a mother, coach

by **LIBBY MARDEN**
Sports Reporter

It was quite a week for women's head soccer coach Ronnie Woodard at the end of August. She coached the Vanderbilt team to a victory Friday night, gave birth on Saturday, and was back on the field the next Thursday. Life never skipped a beat for coach and new mother Woodard with the help of assistant coaches, Cristin Czubik and Eric Vaughter. Isat down with Vanderbilt's ultimate soccer mom to talk about her eventful weekend, motherhood, and what to expect from the team with upcoming conference play. Her Commodores face Tennessee-Martin tonight at home at 7 p.m. to conclude non-conference play.

Vanderbilt Hustler: What role have you played on the team this year?

Ronnie Woodard: My role never changed, but I have great support from my assistant coaches Cristin Czubik and Eric Vaughter. They have done a fabulous job helping me get through my nine months of pregnancy. I was heavily pregnant and in my ninth month during pre-season, so I did quite a bit of coaching from my chair. I have great support from Kristen and Eric who have picked up most of the day-to-day responsibilities. They are what has allowed me to balance both being a mom and coaching.

VH: How has the team reacted to the pregnancy?

RW: The team has been great. They are so excited about Thomas. He was born

on a Saturday, and every girl within 24 hours (had) come over to the hospital and met him and held him. It was really exciting day for me, and Kristen led them to a victory on Sunday, so it (was) a great weekend.

VH: What have you learned from coaching that will benefit you in motherhood?

RW: Oh, you name it. I have learned so much about patience, individuality, and time management through coaching. You know it's funny because coaching has taught be so much about parenting, but then becoming a parent has really added some balance into my life that has made me a better coach.

VH: What can we expect from the team as we enter conference play?

RW: The SEC is very difficult and it is always going to be a very tough environment for all of us but I think this Vanderbilt team is going to surprise some people. I think that we are incredibly talented. The team's word is "swagger," and I really enjoy the team's swag this year, and I think that is going to carry us awful far this year.


VH: So can we expect to see Thomas in black and gold any time soon?

RW: He already has a onesie with "Future Commodore" on it and has a blanket and socks. He wears them on game day already and has been wearing them since he was four days old. So, yes, he is already in black and gold... there's no doubt about it. ■



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Vanderbilt's Ronnie Woodard has two big responsibilities at the moment: coaching Commodore soccer and taking care of her infant son, Thomas.




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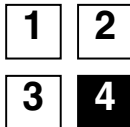
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