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## CRIME LOG

### THURSDAY, AUG. 22

**11 p.m.** — A student's items were reported missing from a dorm room at Chaffin Place.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 23

**3:10 a.m.** — An intoxicated student was issued a disciplinary referral for liquor law violations at Vanderbilt Law School.

**3:15 a.m.** — An intoxicated student was issued a disciplinary referral for drunkenness at 2801 Vanderbilt Place.

**9:45 a.m.** — An employee's vehicle was reported stolen and recovered at Lot 73, located at 2801 Vanderbilt Place.

**12 p.m.** — A student reported a stolen ring at Rand Hall.

**1 p.m.** — A cell phone was reported stolen from Bread & Company, located at 2507 West End Ave.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 24

**1:20 a.m.** — An intoxicated student was issued a disciplinary referral for liquor-law violations in the West House lobby.

### SUNDAY, AUG. 25

**7:10 p.m.** — A man exposed himself to a group of women between Qdoba and the Cathedral of the Incarnation on West End Ave.

### MONDAY, AUG. 26

**9 a.m.** — A disruptive person was reported at The Commons dining hall.

**11:46 a.m.** — An employee with marijuana was reported at the Human Resources Office, located at 2525 West End Ave.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

**ROBB KING**, PRESIDENT OF NPHC

# 2 ½ more weeks

Why do freshmen have to wait longer this year before they can attend events where alcohol is present, how do students feel about it and what happens to people who break the rules?

By **KATIE FUSELIER**  
*News reporter*

The Commons has been buzzing lately with questions surrounding the Interfraternity Council's new policy concerning freshman attendance at fraternity events where alcohol is present.

As many on campus now know, freshmen are prohibited from attending such events until after Sept. 13, two weeks further into the semester than the previous policy allowed. This policy applies to any IFC fraternity gathering, whether registered, unregistered, on campus or off-campus.

#### Why the change?

A written statement about the policy change was provided to The Hustler at a meeting with Michael Maley, Tyler Stanley and John Ratliff, IFC's president, vice president and attorney general, respectively. In the statement, the IFC outlined its various reasons for the policy change.

One such reason involves an attempt to begin the IFC rush experience, which officially began

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on Aug. 25, with an alcohol-free environment.

“This period is expected to promote the aspects of fraternity life that exist outside of social activities where alcohol is present, and allow for potential new members to examine their true interest in joining an organization,” the IFC said.

“Fraternity parties are fun,” the statement explained. “However, that is not a Greek organization's purpose. We are here to create lifelong friendships, build leaders and create positive social impact in Nashville and beyond. Parties are simply another benefit to being in a fraternity — they are not the purpose for joining a fraternity.”

Another concern that prompted the policy change is the frequency of incidents concerning freshmen and alcohol.

“In reviewing previous years,” the IFC said, “we noticed that the first few weeks of school have had the highest concentration of risk management concerns for Greek organizations and the potential new members. We hope that this new time frame will reduce the amount of alcohol-related incidents involving first-year students in our community.”

In its decision, the IFC also incorporated the university's efforts to foster the Commons experience. According to its statement, the IFC does not want to detract from the many programming events designed specifically to help freshmen adjust to Vanderbilt life, nor does it want to interfere with the first few weeks of a freshman's college career.

#### A summer decision

The IFC Executive Board drafted the new measure this past summer in response to risk-management concerns during the first few weeks of school. The Executive Board is composed of nine men appointed by the presidents of each of the 14 IFC fraternities. Feedback from the presidents and recruitment chairs of each fraternity was solicited and considered during the policy's formulation.

Though created by the Executive Board, the policy change was voted on and approved by the presidents of the IFC chapters.

The policy was created and is enforced solely within the IFC. The university's



administration has no jurisdiction over a violation, the IFC affirmed, “unless the student had violated university policies as well.”

Despite the IFC’s independence, the organization has received positive feedback from the university’s administration.

“I am very proud of the leadership that the IFC Executive Board and chapter presidents have shown in adapting their practices to focus the initial opportunities for engagement between fraternity men and first-year students to occur in an alcohol-free environment, to reduce risk and to allow the first-year students to integrate into the larger VU experience,” said Kristen Shorter, Vanderbilt director of Greek Life, via email.

“If students choose to attend fraternity social functions,” she said. “I hope that all members and guests will behave in a responsible manner no matter when they attend.”

### Consequences

Violators of this rule will face consequences enforced within the IFC, for both the freshmen and the fraternity involved.

If a freshman — regardless of gender or intended Greek affiliation — is found at a fraternity event where alcohol is present, the IFC will levy a \$5,000 fine and an eight-week period of probation against the hosting fraternity.

However, if a fraternity identifies and reports a freshman attending an event where alcohol is being served, only the freshman, not the fraternity, will face consequences. The fraternity avoids the fine and probation period because it is properly enforcing the IFC’s policy.

The IFC remains confident that, were a fraternity to not report an incident involving a freshman, the Council would become aware of the event in some other way, resulting in punishment for both the negligent fraternity and the offending freshman.

Any male freshman who violates the new rule will be unable to accept a bid from an IFC fraternity in the spring.

“First-year students that would potentially put chapters and themselves at risk of violating this policy would not be the kind of person that we are looking to be a part of our activities in the future,” the IFC said.

The IFC has no official control over whether a potential new member for the Panhellenic Council or the National Pan-Hellenic Council found violating the rule will receive a bid from a Greek organization in January. However, both organizations have expressed their support of the new policy in separate statements to *The Hustler*.

Julie Lapidot, president of the Panhellenic Council, provided that organization’s statement:

“The Panhellenic community is in full support of the new IFC policies pertaining to first-year student participation in social events where alcohol is present,” the statement says. “We hope that all first-year students, both men and women, will spend their first month at Vanderbilt getting involved on the Commons, working hard academically, generally

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acclimating to the VU experience and engaging with the Greek community in an alcohol-free setting.”

Lapidot did not specifically address whether or not women hoping to join a Panhellenic chapter will be subject to any consequences should they violate the new IFC rule.

The NPHC echoed their support in a statement provided by its president, Robb King.

“The National Pan-Hellenic Council fully supports the IFC’s decision to withhold the presence of freshmen at their houses (while alcohol is present) until Sept. 13.

“As a council, we believe this a great step towards preventing the many incidents that have occurred on Greek Row in the past and that doing this sheds a better light — not just on IFC — but on the Greek community as a whole. By doing this, I believe, the IFC is making a statement that puts forth the idea that Greeks are more than just partygoers, but rather service-oriented, philanthropy-driven, scholarly men and women,” King said.

King further described how the NPHC will handle consequences pertaining to rush for any policy violators.

“(Freshmen who rush) will be subjected to the same consequences as those who wish to join IFC organizations if they fail to adhere to these rules and regulations,” he said.

### Enforcing the new rule

While a uniform set of consequences are in place for violations of this new policy, enforcement methods differ based on the nature of the party.

Fraternities often throw official, registered parties where, to gain admission, a student must swipe into the party with his or her Commodore Card. Additionally, these events are “strictly managed with only one entrance, at least eight party patrol members, a security guard checking for IDs and issuing wristbands, a bartender and a guest list at the door,” according to the IFC.

In the event of any official gathering before Sept. 13, all freshmen will be on the “do not admit” list. Unfamiliar persons who

come to a registered event will have their Commodore Cards checked against this list, allowing the fraternity to identify any freshmen.

Additionally, the IFC is confident that its security system is capable of identifying any freshman who thwarts this admissions procedure. “If a first-year student managed to get into a fraternity party, the personnel monitoring the party will be able to recognize the student as someone not on the guest list,” the IFC said.

Concerning informal, unregistered fraternity gatherings — such as tailgates — security processes are less stringent. No student is required to identify himself or herself before gaining entrance to such a party. But according to the IFC, because of a casual party’s more intimate nature, uninvited guests, such as freshmen, are easily identified.

### Students respond

Some students have met the policy with confusion. “I just don’t understand why that’s a rule,” said Christine Hawn, a freshman. “I mean, what’s so special about after Sept. 13 versus before?”

Other students believe the policy is unnecessary or extreme. “Not allowing freshmen boys to attend frat parties seems to be an attempt to protect us, but at the same time, it is limiting us from choosing what sort of organization we would like to be involved in,” said freshman Anderson Monken. “We are all adults who are responsible for our actions.”

Jeremy Blumenthal, also a freshman, took a similar position. “I guess it is good in terms of protecting the interests of both the fraternities and the freshmen who tend to get rowdy, but otherwise, for those who know how to handle themselves, it’s a bit annoying,” he said.

“I understand why they’re doing it,” said freshman Lizzy Katz, “and I think that the intentions are good, that they want the freshmen to kind of interact with each other more and get to know each other more before we start going to Greek Row on weekends and interacting with upperclassmen more.

“I think in the past, it was like two weeks when freshmen couldn’t go. And that, I think, is understandable and fine, but I just think a month is a little bit excessive, especially because we’re missing two tailgates.”

The IFC offered this response to any frustrated students in a statement to *The Hustler*:

“To the first-year students out there upset that they are missing an additional tailgate because of this rule: It is one tailgate. Attend the non-Greek tailgates and activities for your class, then go support the coaches, players and team that we are extremely lucky to call our own.”

“We encourage the freshman class of 2017 to come to our cookouts, athletic competitions and a host of other dry events in the next few weeks to acquaint themselves with some of the other things we like to do outside of throwing social events.”



# What's for lunch?

## Campus Dining update

Over the summer, Vanderbilt Campus Dining added or updated several on-campus eating locations. Here's the scoop on some of the changes. **By Jenna Wengler, News staff reporter**

### ROCKET SUBS AND TOWERS MARKET

#### HOURS

**Towers Market**  
Seven days a week:  
24 hours

**Rocket Subs**  
Monday to Thursday:  
11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
Friday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 2-10 p.m.

The Munchie Mart in the basement of Carmichael Towers is newly renovated and expanded, and the Quiznos has been replaced with Rocket Subs, which sells made-to-order sub sandwiches as well as soup.

"Through our student survey, the majority of students were ready for a change in Towers," said Julie Crider, marketing manager for Campus Dining, in an e-mail to The Hustler. "We brought back our in-house concept, Rocket Subs. We bake the bread fresh throughout the day and use only top-quality meats and produce."

Students eating lunch on Friday were happy with the improvements to both the Munchie Mart and the addition of Rocket Subs.

"The new Munchie is so much better in every way than the old one," said senior Taylor Mergele. "It looks a lot nicer and there are a lot more options."

"I really like Rocket Subs," said senior Timothy Altmansberger. "I think it's really convenient, and honestly the food is so much better than the Quiznos that used to be here. It just wasn't that good, but this place is 10 times better."



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### THE PUB

Returning students may have noticed that the menu at The Pub, on the third floor of Sarratt Student Center, has undergone some changes. Several items, such as the Reuben sandwich and the chicken Caesar wrap, have been removed, while Nashville hot chicken and new quesadillas have been added.

"We streamlined the menu with our most popular items to provide better, quicker service," Crider said. "Our student survey overwhelmingly asked for faster service at The Pub. Frankly, our Pub kitchen wasn't designed with a huge menu in mind. With a condensed menu, our culinary team can work quicker to provide students meals at peak times. We will provide specials from the items removed from the Pub menu on a daily basis."

Some students are unsure whether these changes are for the better.

"They took off the chicken Caesar wrap, which was my favorite thing, and the quesadillas still take ages," said sophomore Kathryn Bell. "My friend waited around 30 minutes for her meal."

"I'm a huge fan of the added quesadillas, but to me it doesn't make sense that they're doing this to speed up the time it takes to get your food," said junior Nate Bremer. "My issue was always that the quesadillas take the longest, so adding three more quesadillas and taking some other stuff off doesn't make any sense. But my meal was out quicker than it usually was last year."

#### HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Friday: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturday and Sunday: Closed

### BAMBOO BISTRO

Added during the renovation of Alumni Hall, Bamboo Bistro serves noodle bowls, Asian salads, banh mi style sandwiches and iced tea. The new cafe is located just inside the front doors of Alumni Hall.

"We opted for an Asian-inspired bistro as students have expressed a huge interest in this cuisine," Crider said. "We wanted to create a 'destination' restaurant that was different than anything else on campus and felt an Asian-inspired concept would do just that."

Students eating lunch at Bamboo Bistro on Friday were pleased with the food and design of the cafe.

"This place is awesome," said freshman Alexander Luo. "I love how there's not just cafeteria food here, but also this place and other cafes that you can use the meal plan on. The line sucks, though."

Other students agreed that the long lines were problematic.

"I really like it, but the line's around the corner," said junior John Boyd. "If I can get here before the classes let out, I'll probably come, but aside from that I'll probably just go to Rand."

#### HOURS

Monday to Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Saturday: Closed  
Sunday: 3-9 p.m.



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### OTHER LOCATIONS

Other changes include the addition of tacos and removal of some of the least popular items at Ro'Tiki, which is located in Varsity Marketplace in Branscomb Quadrangle. Also, Suzie's Cafe in the Divinity School has been closed but a new location opened in Featheringill Hall.

# Family Weekend



VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
September 27–29, 2013

## Registration:

Register online at [www.vanderbilt.edu/familyweekend](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/familyweekend).

To register by phone, call the Parent Helpline at 877/887-2736 for assistance.

## When you arrive on campus:

Be sure to stop at Family Weekend registration in the Student Life Center to pick up your weekend packet and schedule.

## Registration Times/Locations:

**Friday, September 27th** from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

*Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center*

**Saturday, September 28th** from 8:30 a.m. – noon

*Board of Trust Room, Student Life Center*

## Cost:







**\$35 registration per person**

*(waived for Vanderbilt students and children 12 and under)*

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

Visit with academic deans and meet the Chancellor. Join us as Vanderbilt plays UAB! For a full schedule of events, visit [www.vanderbilt.edu/familyweekend](http://www.vanderbilt.edu/familyweekend)

## Signature Events:

-  **Friday, September 27th** from 4-5:45 p.m.  
*“Fifth Annual Soiree at Sarratt: A VIP Networking Event”*
-  **Friday, September 27th** from 4:30-7 p.m.  
*Fall for the Arts at The Ingram Commons*
-  **Friday, September 27th** from 4-5 p.m.  
*Grandparent Tea and Social*
-  **Saturday, September 28th** from 9-10 a.m.  
*Conversation with the Chancellor*
-  **Saturday, September 28th** – 2 hours before kickoff  
*Pre-Game Tailgate Picnic*
-  **Sunday, September 29th** from 8:30-11 a.m.  
*Breakfast Buffet*



# opinion

QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Recognizing that political issues aren't simple is the first and most important step we can take in our journey to become the 'leaders of tomorrow' that every university promises us we have the potential to be."*

MOLLY CORN


**THE  
RANT**

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**1. Thank you VPAC, for informing the young, impressionable freshman, that sometimes performance art includes swear words.**

**2. It makes me sad when people assume I'm a guy because my email address begins with manager@...**

**3. Everyone loves it when pop stars are sex objects, unless Hannah Montana does it.**

**4. You're welcome to jam to Rick Ross at 2 a.m., but please don't blare your music so loud that the rest of us have to listen to him too.**

**5. Sunday afternoon. Towers halls smell like tequila and vom. Go Does!**

**6. The Hillel "Chosen One" tanks are dope.**

**7. Why don't coffee places deliver?! I mean really! If I don't have time to sleep, I obviously don't have time to get coffee.**

**8. So the Anchor Down Dawg is the official VU hot dog. Not only does it sound nasty, it also spells "dog" the way Georgia does. Way to go Vandy, should've chosen my submission: the Vanderwiener.**

## It's not that simple: a case for taxes

A response to Kenny Tan's '7 reasons you're probably a libertarian'


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College is a great time for debate: Discourse and self-reflection on your personal and political values can either reaffirm or radically change your outlook on a particular issue or life in general. Your political beliefs in particular are ripe for change as you encounter new worldviews and competing ideas. Before we even reach adulthood, many of us have chosen one of the two parties or practically had our party affiliation chosen for us by parents or authority figures. In our partisan America, with states predictably going red or blue in almost every election, it's entirely possible that nearly everyone you'd been exposed to before college adhered to a relatively homogenous set of beliefs.

While I applaud my fellow columnist Kenny Tan for providing a brief introduction to libertarianism — an alternative approach in a two-party system prone to stifling dissenting views — I reject his idea that one can self-identify politically in the simplistic terms outlined in his latest piece ("7 reasons you're probably a libertarian," Aug. 22). Contrary to Tan's radical notion that taxes are a form of theft, I would argue that taxes, commonly perceived as a necessary evil, are in fact positively beneficial to society as a whole.

By the time you enter college, it is pretty likely that you have had a couple of experiences with taxes, and admittedly even I groan a little when I see how much money has been taken out of my hard-earned paychecks. Nonetheless, my strong distaste for paying taxes does not make them any less justified.

Taxes keep the gears of our government well-oiled and turning. When our founding fathers laid the framework for our government, they intended for government service to be salaried so that the privileged few who can sustain their lifestyles without working would not be the only representatives of our interests.

Taxes also provide support for common goods, systems and infrastructures that efficiently make our everyday lives easier and more convenient. I feel safe in making the assumption here that you've never had to bushwhack your way through a forest to get to work, but rather had the privilege of driving there on a relatively efficient, paved road in a car fueled with government-subsidized gasoline.

In the United States, your fiscal beliefs are generally determined by your ideological standpoint on welfare and how much faith you have in free-market economic theories, which assume that people consistently act rationally. (Hint: They don't.) Even a basic class in economics — an academic discipline notorious for producing fiscal conservatives — will teach you that an entirely free market overproduces negative externalities (usually modeled with pollution) and underproduces positive externalities (such as affordable education).

Often in the United States, defending welfare, taxes or government-subsidized health care will leave you automatically branded a socialist, a label that — for unclear reasons — is viscerally unpopular in this country. People often fail to acknowledge that even within countries that are legitimately socialist (e.g., Denmark), there are liberal-to-conservative spectrums on fiscal policy that the word "socialist" — as it is used on talk radio and cable news — fails to encompass. Fiscal liberalism and conservatism, like most political issues, are far too complex to be seen in binary terms.

So let's say you're all for free thought and the legalization of marijuana; against aggression, slavery and theft; and desire to make the world a better place. Yes, you might be a libertarian, but you could just as well be an unaffiliated independent or even a member of either of the two major political parties that hold power in the U.S. Recognizing that political issues aren't simple is the first and most important step we can take in our journey to become the "leaders of tomorrow" that every university promises us we have the potential to be.

If you want to keep your political beliefs in an unchallenged bubble, that's simple; no matter your beliefs, a simple Google search will yield a million memes and caricatures of ignorant people who hold oppositional viewpoints to your own. But if you use your time at Vanderbilt to seek out perspectives that challenge your own, you'll find an array of well-researched, reasonable and logical opinions that stem from differences in backgrounds, life experiences and personal values.

— Molly Corn

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# Dear Class of 2017: It doesn't stop here

We all have an obligation to Vanderbilt to make good on our academic and leadership potential



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**C**ongratulations on making it through what, by all accounts, was a hectic, frenetic first week. From Move In Day to this past Saturday's party at the Country Music Hall of Fame, I hope you've had a good time getting used to college life. Hopefully your enjoyment of your Vanderbilt experience won't stop anytime soon, but your enjoyment should not — must not — slip into entitlement.

Let me explain.

We are currently studying at one of the best universities in the world, all but ensuring that we are among the educational elite of both the United States and the world. Such success will probably buoy many of us into the uppermost rungs of the socioeconomic ladder.

Our ascent, however, may come at a cost to our character. While studies by psychologist Paul Piff from the University of California, Berkeley demonstrate that social elites are utilitarian in their decision-making, they also show that elites have reduced empathy and higher incidences of narcissism and self-interest. In fact, according to an article by Emily Gipple and Ben Gose in "The Chronicle of Philanthropy," households donate proportionally less to charity as household income increases.

This effect multiplies when economic elites aggregate: "When people making more than \$200,000 a year account for more than 40 percent of the taxpayers in a ZIP code, the wealthy residents give an average of 2.8 percent of discretionary income to charity, compared with an average of 4.2 percent for all itemizers earning \$200,000 or more."

This pattern, reflecting the decay of the principle of "noblesse oblige," suggests that we have room for improvement in the moral development of our economic — and educational — elites. The pernicious

lack of elite empathy, in fact, may be traced back to a single, poisonous thought, pervasive among successful students: We owe no one anything, and we deserve everything we have.

At Vanderbilt, we can see how this mentality of entitlement could take root. Paying \$60,000 a year to attend Vanderbilt, after 18 years of insane academic performance and increasingly ludicrous extracurricular schedules, seems like it should afford students a break, a release, an outlet to a smoother adult life.

“Class of 2017, you are smart, but this alone does not justify your presence here.”

In many ways, Vanderbilt will make our lives better: Our time and experience here give us an amazing opportunity to hone our own skills, to solidify our own professional networks and to discover our true selves. But with such profound resources and opportunities at our fingertips, we must remember that we were and are guaranteed precisely none of it.

This is not to say that none of us should have gotten a shot at Vanderbilt. As individuals, each of us has worked diligently throughout our pre-collegiate academic and extracurricular careers, accumulating life experiences and resume bullet points that

launch us into the vaunted category of "The Best and the Brightest."

But just because each of us have worked hard does not mean that Vanderbilt was a given. As Doug Christiansen, vice provost for enrollment and dean of admissions, made clear in a presentation to student VUceptors the week before you arrived, approximately 95 percent of all students denied from Vanderbilt would most likely have been able to complete their academic work satisfactorily.

Class of 2017, you are smart, but this alone does not justify your presence here.

Why, then, are you here? Perhaps it's because of your extracurricular activities, your recommendations or your legacy status. Maybe it was something else. With an acceptance rate approaching 12 percent, however, it's clear that Vanderbilt's magic formula factors in an extra dose of split hairs.

None of us can rest easy in our individual presences here, but in the face of such uncertainty, we have no reason to question ourselves. Instead, we should celebrate. For this Vanderbilt community — this precious collage of human experience — is equally in part indescribably beautiful and mathematically improbable. In light of the overwhelming odds, this group of students dons the black and gold.

We get to know one another and immerse ourselves in the diverse talents and perspectives of our peers. And as a community, we must make good on the promise of what Vanderbilt can be — a community that can, at its best, reflect our collective intellectual, social and moral ideals.

Vanderbilt is not an entitlement. It is a responsibility.

— Michael Greshko

## Letter to a lonely freshman

Give it time; Vanderbilt will feel like home



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**T**he first few days of freshman year at Vanderbilt: a whirlwind of faces, names and places, all unfamiliar. Before long, the excitement of Move In Day and the welcoming faces of the Move Crew have faded. You've hardly had time to breathe, much less think or feel anything. Then orientation draws to a close, and classes commence. Real college life begins right now.

For some freshmen, this means jumping with quickly made friends into a fast-paced social life. For others, it means uncharted Friday and Saturday nights, unscheduled lunch and dinner times without a VUcept group and a hallway where new friends may be in short supply. Maybe it occurs to you that you haven't really had to make friends since kindergarten. You tell yourself making friends is a gradual process, but the shouting of your hallmates going out together that first weekend as you sit alone in your room seems to tell a different story.

You're left feeling like you don't belong.

If this sounds like you, know you are not alone. Though it may seem like all of Commons has

hitched up with one clique or another by now, please know there are many others just like you, all trying to find their own place. Don't expect to make friends immediately; it may take a semester for you to feel at home. Expect a transition period that leaves you feeling overwhelmed. But know that you will get past that, because Vanderbilt is exactly where you're meant to be.

It's strange to think that just a few months ago, you were a big fish in a small pond, and now you've been thrown into the frying pan as an official college student and adult, though you might not feel like either just yet. To move forward you will have to make a few mistakes, do some things you're going to regret and ultimately discover that everyone else is doing the exact same thing: trying to find themselves.

I'm sure you've heard this before, but getting involved with a club or activity on campus really can open doors to a fulfilling social life. There are so many opportunities at Vanderbilt to pursue something that fits your interests. Never be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone or do something you

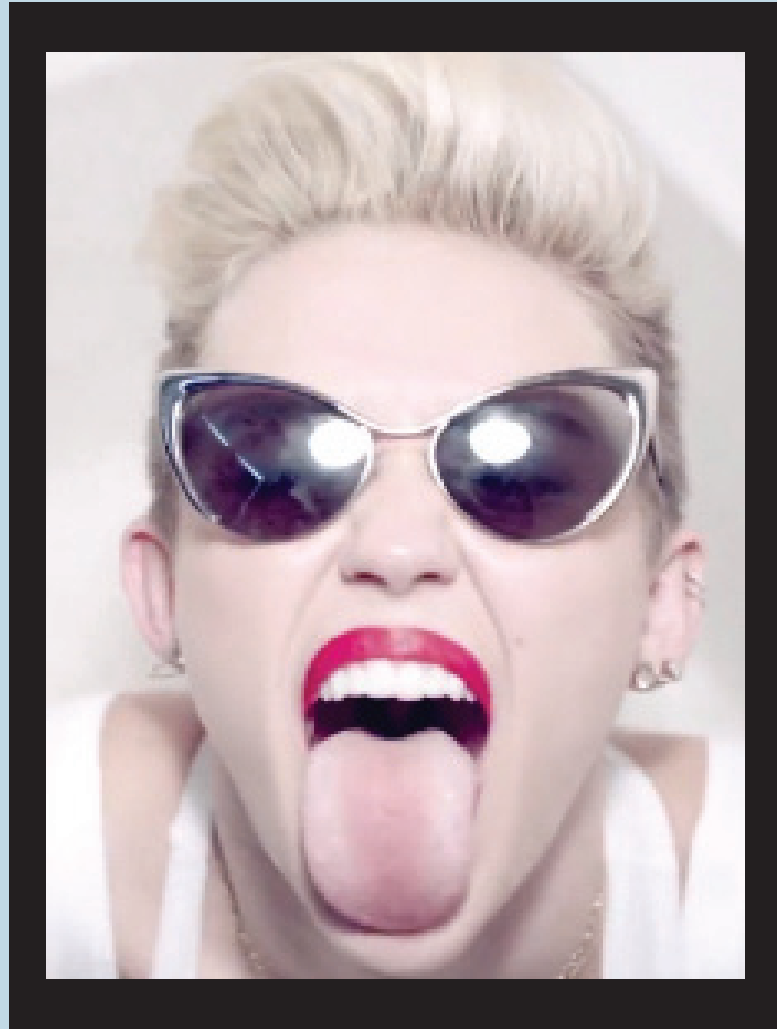
wish you had done in high school.

Personally, I came into college with no formal singing experience, but I had heard of the tight-knit community among the performing arts groups at Vanderbilt. I decided to audition for the Vanderbilt University Concert Choir the second semester of freshman year. They accepted me, and since then, choir has been an integral part of my Vanderbilt experience.

At the end of this year, you'll look back happily as you think about all the friends you've made. And in the back of your mind, there will be a sense of satisfaction as you remember those first lonesome nights on The Commons and how you powered through them to find your niche at a place you will soon think of not just as your "home away from home," but as a home in its own right.

— Perry Belcher

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Number of yards gained by wide receiver Jordan Matthews in last year's victory over Ole Miss

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## Commodores retool non-SEC schedule

By BEN WEINRIB

Sports reporter

Vanderbilt football was supposed to open the 2013-14 season on the road against Ohio State on Aug. 31. They were also supposed to host Northwestern on Sept. 14 and then travel back to Evanston next season.

However, after backing out of games against the two Big Ten schools, the Commodores' nonconference schedule now consists of games against Austin Peay, UMass, UA and Wake Forest. Combined, those four schools went 11-36 last season — by far the weakest nonconference schedule in the SEC — and Wake Forest is the only non-mid major in the group.

Next season's newly-released nonconference schedule doesn't look any more difficult, with Temple, UMass, Charleston Southern and Old Dominion lined up.

So the question remains: Is coach James Franklin padding his schedule with easy games to make Vanderbilt's record look better?

Well, no. Not exactly.

For starters, the SEC forced Vanderbilt to back out of the two Big Ten games. When Texas A&M and Missouri joined the SEC last year, the conference reworked each school's schedule and put Ole Miss and South Carolina on the Commodores' schedule where the Big Ten games had been.

With the conflict in their schedule, the Commodores shed two tough games, and now the non-SEC portion of the year looks much easier. Fortunately, this will help Franklin rebuild Vanderbilt's football program and culture.

The first thing Franklin did when he arrived on campus more than two years ago was a study about why Vanderbilt had not been successful in the past. The two best ways to turn around the program, he found, were scheduling and recruiting.

We've already seen Franklin drastically improve the recruiting. In the 10 years before Franklin came to Nashville, the Commodores had, on average, the 80th best recruiting class, according to Rivals.com. He currently has the 22nd best class for 2014 and had the 19th and 29th best

classes in 2012 and 2011, respectively.

With improved recruiting, it's time to focus on scheduling. One key fact that sticks out to Franklin is that the Commodores had a losing out-of-conference record from 1976 to 2010.

"There's no way with Vanderbilt's history and the conference we play in that we should have an out-of-conference losing record," Franklin said. "You have to find a way to schedule four games that make sense for Vanderbilt. What that means changes every single year, but they've got to make sense to Vanderbilt."

While playing a bunch of mid-majors may make its schedule sound easy, Vanderbilt already faces a rigorous schedule, by virtue of playing in the SEC. Georgia, South Carolina, Texas A&M and Florida are all currently in the top 10 of the Associated Press poll, and Ole Miss is a few votes short of the top 25. To add Ohio State — currently ranked second in the nation — might be overkill.

Instead, Franklin said he wants to play more schools that are like-minded academically. He spe-

cifically named Rice, Tulane, Wake Forest, Northwestern and Duke.

Vanderbilt was supposed to have games against Wake Forest for 2014 and 2015, but more problems came up when the SEC decided that the final week of the regular season should be a rivalry week against Tennessee.

Unfortunately, much of Vanderbilt's football schedule is at the mercy of the SEC and ESPN. Whereas Franklin used to plan out-of-conference games five years in advance, now he can only look two to three years into the future.

Even with those scheduling constraints, however, Franklin wants to give his team the chance to compete and build something big.

"Because we play in the SEC," he said, "we have to be smart about our out-of-conference scheduling. We want to have as competitive a schedule as everyone else does, but we're still at a point where we're building our program."

"Give us an opportunity to build our program, and down the road we might consider playing more and more games like (Ohio State). Right now we're still building our program."



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Walt Wepfer (22) is tackled by Northwestern defenders in the first game of the 2010-11 season. Vanderbilt has historically played NU in football until this year.

Other schools took this model and did it 50 to 60 years ago. We're doing it now."



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Danny Kanell, formerly an NFL and AFL quarterback, is now a college football and college baseball analyst for ESPN. He previously hosted ESPN's late-night talk show, "UNITE".

By TOMMY McGRATH

Sports reporter

**The Vanderbilt Hustler: What are your thoughts on head coach James Franklin and what he has accomplished since arriving at Vanderbilt?**

Danny Kanell: I think James Franklin has been the steal of the SEC with the recent coaches that have been hired in the last few years. I

## ESPN's Danny Kanell talks Vanderbilt football

specifically remember covering him when he was at Maryland as an offensive coordinator and sitting down with him and thinking, "This guy has something about him, something special that will make him a successful coach." I was thrilled for Vanderbilt. He's brought a lot of energy. Just the ability he has to maximize the talent he's working with, I think, is exceptional, and I think the upside is unlimited.

**VH: Do you have a prediction for the home opener versus Ole Miss?**

DK: This is going to be a really intriguing game because both Ole Miss and Vanderbilt have lofty expectations, and if you look at the last five years or so, both these teams have kind of had lower expectations coming into the season. I think it's an exciting game; I think it has SEC implications within it. I'm a little concerned about Vanderbilt being able to shake off the off-the-field issues. Any time there's a distraction and guys get suspended or kicked off the team, that concerns me a little bit, but I have a lot of confidence that coach Franklin will be able to get these guys focused and ready to go.

**VH: What are some of the matchups you're looking forward to observing during the game?**

DK: I cannot wait to see how Vanderbilt's

offensive line handles Robert Nkemdiche, the No. 1 overall recruit in the country last year. He's really Ole Miss' cream of the crop, and I want to see how he plays at this level, and I want to see how Vanderbilt handles him at this level. And then, I'm also looking forward to seeing who is playing quarterback for Vanderbilt. How are they going to do filling in for Jordan Rodgers, where he left off? I know Austyn Carta-Samuels has high expectations around him. I'm excited to see how he does at the helm.

**VH: Do you have a prediction for Vanderbilt's record this year?**

DK: I think for Vanderbilt, it's going to be one of those years where they're trying to take that next step. Last year, 9-4 — a spectacular season, but I want to see them win a game or two that they're not supposed to win. Even with the nine wins last season, they won the games they were supposed to, and they didn't really pull off too big of surprises. You could say Auburn was one of those games, but as we saw Auburn's season unfold, we saw that Auburn wasn't as good as we thought they were. I'd say they have back-to-back 9-4 seasons. I say they're going to be 8-4 with another bowl win.

**VH: Where do you see Vanderbilt in the future? Do you think James Franklin can lead them to success against the perennial SEC**

**powerhouses?**

DK: I think it's going to be a challenge because of the academic requirements to get into Vanderbilt and because whom he is recruiting against, but it wouldn't surprise me. Look at teams like Stanford, look at teams like Northwestern, where they have built programs that could compete with the best teams in the country. It wouldn't shock me at all to see James Franklin build Vanderbilt into one of those types of programs.

**VH: Who are you predicting to advance to and win the national championship this season?**

DK: My national title pick is going to be between Clemson and Oregon. Now, some people have given me a hard time on Twitter, especially because I picked a team outside of the SEC, but I really look at it as the SEC is going to be a conference where no one is going to come out unscathed, and I don't think there will be an undefeated team in the SEC. The chances are, it almost happened last year — that the SEC got locked out of the BCS national title game, and I think there's a great possibility that it could happen this year. So I have Clemson and Oregon in the national title game, with Oregon winning it all.

## 3 matchups to watch

By **PATRICK GIVENS**

*Sports reporter*

### Donte Moncrief (WR) vs. Andre Hal (CB)

This matchup pits one of the SEC's best corners, Andre Hal, against one of its best returning wide receivers, Donte Moncrief. Hal, who has received numerous preseason honors, including a first team preseason All-SEC selection by the SEC coaches, looks to be next in line in a series of great Commodore defensive backs. He will be tested early in the season against Moncrief, who is a big play threat and the Rebels' top receiver. Moncrief caught 66 balls last year for a total of 979 yards, good for sixth in the SEC and he will look to build on that number in his junior campaign. In this conference opener between two fairly even teams, look for it to be decided by one or two big plays in the passing game. Expect one of these game-changing plays to come from either Hal or Moncrief. =



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### Ole Miss linebackers vs. Vanderbilt running backs

Running back has been one of the most intriguing position battles in the Commodores' preseason camp. Expect to see three ball carriers take snaps, with senior Wesley Tate getting most of the carries. Speedy sophomore Brian Kimbrow will likely serve as a change-of-pace back and a slot receiver as well. Redshirt sophomore Jerron Seymour figures to be in the mix to tote the ball too. The Commodores will look to establish the run early and to do so, they must contend with the Ole Miss linebackers. The Rebels only start two linebackers in their unorthodox 4-2-5 defense, but both are returning starters — sophomore outside linebacker Denzel Nkemdiche and senior middle linebacker Mike Marry. Nkemdiche, the older brother of consensus No. 1 recruit and Rebel safety Robert Nkemdiche, led the team last year in both tackles and forced fumbles.

### C.J. Johnson (DE) vs. Wesley Johnson (LT)

Wesley Johnson may just be the most versatile offensive lineman in the country, having made starts at four of the five offensive line positions. He has started every game of his career and, incredibly, never incurred a holding penalty. Johnson was a second team All-SEC selection by conference coaches, and, after a grass-roots campaign by offensive line coach Herb Hand, he was named to the Outland Trophy watch list, an award given to the nation's best interior lineman. Johnson looks to line up against the Rebels' best defensive end, C.J. Johnson. Despite leading the Rebels in sacks last season, Johnson had a tumultuous offseason that included a broken leg in the spring and an NCAA investigation regarding improper benefits in the summer. As for Thursday, however, he appears healthy and ready to play, looking to get through the Commodores' left tackle to disrupt the passing game.



# FOOTBALL SEASON

Once again it's time for football, and The Hustler has the whole season broken down game by game. **Our prediction: 9-3 and a third-straight bowl game.**

By **JACKSON MARTIN**

*Sports reporter*

*Ole Miss*

### AUG. 29 VS. OLE MISS

This will be the turning point of Vanderbilt's season — a matchup of two programs on the rise, in a nationally televised game to determine who is the "best of the rest" in the SEC behind the five preseason top-10 teams in the conference. This game is paramount to the success of James Franklin in his third year, and the success of the season could very well hinge on the result of this game.

And it is the first game of the season.

Last year's win over Ole Miss was the best game of the year for the Commodores, a thrilling comeback victory over the surging Rebels. Much of that same Ole Miss team returns, including dangerous quarterback Bo Wallace, along with a star-studded recruiting class that features the No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2013, Robert Nkemdiche. This game is a toss-up, but given the home-field advantage, expect the Commodores to take home a close victory.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 27, Ole Miss 21**

**AP**

### SEPT. 7 VS. AUSTIN PEAY

The Governors (yes, really) won only two games last year against a schedule in which the three best opponents were Virginia Tech, Western Kentucky and Murray State. Much like in the game against Presbyterian last year, Vanderbilt will run rampant and should secure an easy victory by the end of the first half.

Some media have complained about the ridiculously easy nonconference schedule this year, especially since Austin Peay and UAB are fill-in games from cancelled series with Northwestern and Ohio State. As a lifelong Vanderbilt fan who has suffered through more 2-10 seasons than any person ever should, I'll use this space to publicly state that Vanderbilt as a program is at the point where easy wins should be celebrated. The goal of the team every year is still to make a bowl game, and the SEC schedule makes that hard enough as it is.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 56, Austin Peay 10**



### SEPT. 14 AT SOUTH CAROLINA

In James Franklin's two seasons at Vanderbilt, his teams have been remarkably good at defeating inferior competition. This is notable and is something Vanderbilt has never consistently done before, as someone who has seen defeats to Army, Middle Tennessee State, Connecticut and the like can tell you. What his team has been unable to do is beat the upper tier of the SEC.

That's a problem most other teams would like to have, and very few teams do beat that upper crust of Southeastern Conference elites, but for this program to continue moving forward, those wins have to come eventually. Franklin and the Commodores get four shots this year against preseason top-10 teams: South Carolina, Georgia, Texas A&M and Florida.

The best chance for the Commodores to claim an upset this year is likely against South Carolina. The Gamecocks will be coming off a battle for SEC East supremacy with Georgia the week before, and Vanderbilt has nearly knocked off Steve Spurrier's team in consecutive years.

The Gamecocks return much of last year's team that needed a blown pass interference call (I'm not bitter, I swear) to top the Commodores, including all-world defensive end Jadeveon Clowney. An improved offensive line will need to contain Clowney if the Commodores are to pull off this upset, and the offense will need to fire on all cylinders in Williams-Brice Stadium.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 35, South Carolina 27**



# SEASON PREVIEW



**SEPT. 21  
AT UMASS**

The Commodores get a taste of the NFL life as they travel to Gillette Stadium, home of the New England Patriots, to take on the Minutemen of UMass. Last year's game in Nashville was an easy 49-7 win for Vanderbilt and this year's matchup should be no different.

Let's get this out of the way real quickly: UMass is not a good football team. The program has existed in Division I for two years and stands absolutely no chance of coming within two touchdowns of the Commodores. It is unclear why Vanderbilt even agreed to play a road game with a team the caliber of UMass, but that's a discussion for another date, I suppose.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 49, UMass 7**



**SEPT. 28  
VS. UAB**

The Blazers finished last year with a record of 3-9, and the wins came against Southeastern Louisiana, Southern Mississippi and Marshall. The Blazers haven't produced a notable NFL player since Roddy White, and this team isn't likely to buck that trend. In short, the Blazers are likely just more grist for the mill in a nonconference schedule that includes plenty of that.

Thankfully, this game concludes the boring part of Vanderbilt's 2013 schedule.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 42, UAB 6**



**OCT. 5  
VS. MISSOURI**

Missouri is going to be a dangerous team this year. Quarterback James Franklin (not a typo) is a dynamic threat who can kill you with his arms or his legs. The Tigers team that played so poorly last year was riddled with injuries that kept Gary Pinkel's offense from running at full power. Even if the Tigers don't win many games this year, they will score points at a frenetic pace.

The Commodores needed a brilliant fourth quarter to top the Tigers in Columbia last year, and neither Jordan Rodgers nor Zac Stacy is lining up for the Commodores this year. The home-field advantage (read: not being miserably cold and wet in Missouri) should help the Commodores this year, but this is the true trap game of the year. Given the difficulty of the conference schedule, this may be the make-or-break game of the year with regards to Vanderbilt making a bowl game for the third year in a row.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 38, Missouri 28**



**OCT. 19  
VS. GEORGIA**

Oh boy. This is where the schedule jumps into a whole other stratosphere.

The Commodores kick off the first of three games against preseason top-10 teams with a home tilt against Georgia. The Dawgs return 10 starters on offense from the unit that hung 48 points on Vanderbilt last year in Athens.

The Classic City Canines are true title contenders this year, with a Heisman candidate in quarterback Aaron Murray and much of last season's two-deep returning. The Bulldogs will score points in bunches, and if they survive their first two games against Clemson and South Carolina, they will emerge as the clear favorites to return to Atlanta for the SEC Championship Game for a third straight year.

Head coach Mark Richt, the Ol' Dirty Pastor, is the longest-tenured current SEC coach, and he is hoping to build last year's highly-ranked recruiting class into a group that could not only win the SEC East, but legitimately compete with Alabama once again in Atlanta. If the Dawgs beat South Carolina in Week 2, they will likely play the Crimson Tide for the right to win the National Championship Game.

That said, Vanderbilt could pull this upset off. The last time Georgia came to Nashville, the Dawgs were a near blocked-punt-for-a-touchdown away from being upset. Georgia is the toughest matchup Vanderbilt has on this schedule, but winning at home is not unthinkable.

**Prediction: Georgia 28, Vanderbilt 21**



**OCT. 26  
VS. TEXAS A&M**

The first matchup ever between these two schools should be a fun one. Johnny Manziel, if he is still eligible to play this year, is the most dynamic quarterback in college football, and he can win this game by himself. That said, Vanderbilt has a stifling defense, and an off-game from Manziel could result in a huge upset for the Commodores.

Much was made about the inability of last year's Vanderbilt defense to stop running quarterbacks, but those poor performances came against read-option quarterbacks on designed runs. The defense was actually fairly adept at preventing quarterback scrambles, which is where Manziel racks up yards and huge plays.

A&M lost half of its offensive line to the first round of the NFL draft, and Manziel no longer has his favorite receiving target in Ryan Swope. Given sky-high expectations after beating Alabama last year, A&M is likely to disappoint this year. That said, this is a brutal matchup for Vanderbilt. The Commodores can make this a close game, but expect A&M's high-powered offense to pull away in this game.

**Prediction: Texas A&M 35, Vanderbilt 24**



**NOV. 9  
AT FLORIDA**

Behind South Carolina, I peg this as the most likely upset for this Vanderbilt team.

Florida quarterback Jeff Driskel tore up the Commodores last year (see the above section on struggles with the read-option) in a 31-17 win for the Gators. Florida's struggles on offense last season (except in that game) were well-documented, and this year's lineup doesn't look much better.

The Gators will depend on an aggressive and opportunistic defense to win games this year. The preseason top-10 ranking is probably a little generous, but Will Muschamp's team is very, very good and can compete with any team in the country. If this were a home game, it would feel right to pick Vanderbilt as the victor. Alas, it is in The Swamp, one of the most intimidating stadiums in college football.

**Prediction: Florida 17, Vanderbilt 10**



**NOV. 16  
VS. KENTUCKY**

Mark Stoops has this Kentucky team on the rise, but with a group of mediocre quarterbacks who have been unable to separate themselves from the pack, even a bowl game is a stretch this year. The Wildcats have established themselves as the worst of the worst in the SEC, and even an exciting head coach isn't enough to immediately dig them out of that hole (since he isn't James Franklin).

This is a home game, and one that the Commodores cannot afford to lose. The talent disparity is enough that this should be a comfortable conference win for the Commodores and a necessary win on the way to a bowl game.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 35, Kentucky 17**



**NOV. 23  
AT TENNESSEE**

Not to ruin anyone's fun, but don't get used to beating Tennessee every year. In my lifetime, Vanderbilt has beaten the Volunteers twice. Enjoy the fun while it lasts, because this will be a tough game this year. Butch Jones is a phenomenal head coach, and he has energized the Volunteer fan base in much the same way that James Franklin has done in Nashville over the last two years. The inconsistent Tyler Bray is no longer under center in Knoxville, and literally anyone else will bring some much-needed stability to the offense. This game scares me, and if you're paying any attention, it should scare you, too. Especially since this rivalry will be played in Knoxville, and each team could be fighting for a bowl spot, this will be a nasty iteration of an already-heated series.

On second thought, forget them. Vanderbilt is going to run away with this one for the second year in a row.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 42, Tennessee 21**



**NOV. 30  
VS. WAKE FOREST**

I don't know what to call this ongoing series, but a rivalry doesn't seem like the right word. These teams have taken turns beating the hell out of each other for the last decade, and Vanderbilt is the one in charge right now. The Commodores destroyed the Demon Deacons in Winston-Salem last year, and there's no reason to expect anything different this year.

This could be the game in which Vanderbilt needs a win to make a bowl game. It could also, as I've predicted here, be the game where the Commodores go for a ninth win. Either way, the Commodores will roll to an easy victory.

**Prediction: Vanderbilt 38, Wake Forest 7**



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## Austyn Carta-Samuels' unconventional road to SEC starting quarterback

By **JESSE GOLOMB**  
Sports reporter

On Sunday, Austyn Carta-Samuels trotted onto Vanderbilt's practice field with the rest of the first-team offense in tow. The scoreboard clock marched toward zero, marking the time remaining in the Commodores' final full-speed practice before Thursday's season opener against Ole Miss — the precious seconds before Carta-Samuels' self-proclaimed Cinderella story gives way to the reality of charging linemen and SEC football.

Last week, Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin announced what had been long expected: Carta-Samuels, who four years ago led the University of Wyoming Cowboys to a bowl game as a freshman — and who hasn't topped a depth chart in nearly three seasons — would open the 2013 season as Vanderbilt's starting quarterback and team captain.

This season, Carta-Samuels' first as Vandy's starter, is also his last as a collegiate quarterback. His coronation as Commodore signal caller

marks the the end of a career that has ping-ponged the 22-year-old from his home in San Jose, Calif., to Laramie, Wy., and back again — from mid-major obscurity to the starting job at one of the nation's fastest rising programs.

"It has taken sacrifice," he said, his cocksure California exterior — the blown-back hair, the vibrant snapback hat, the confident delivery — cracking beneath a weight carried and only recently overcome. Bubbling up is the insecurity, resentment and drive of a young man who, in five years, has enrolled in three different colleges and almost attended another three.

"I don't think about the past when I'm out on the field," Carta-Samuels said. "But it wouldn't be right to say that this isn't what I have been working for for the last three years. All the ups and downs I've had to overcome, all the times with my family where they needed to be there to support me while I was questioning my decision — this (season) has made it all worth it."

### Lighting up Laramie

The son of a collegiate tight end and world-class swimmer, Carta-Samuels is markedly athletic — more so than his predecessor at quarterback, fellow junior-college transfer Jordan Rodgers — and wields what Commodore receiver Jordan Matthews refers to as a "cannon." But, listed at a notch over 6 feet, Carta-Samuels is undersized for his position. The quarterback points to his slight stature as something he has "fought ever since high school," a red flag that limited his scholarship opportunities following graduation to just a dozen schools.

He initially accepted an offer from Purdue, but the unexpected retirement of longtime head coach Joe Tiller after the 2008 season caused Carta-Samuels to seek out familiarity. He thought he found what he was looking for at San Jose State, just 10 minutes from home, and in quarterback coach Marcus Arroyo, who had been recruiting Carta-Samuels since his sophomore year of high school.

Then, two weeks before signing day, Carta-Samuels received a phone

call from the coaches at San Jose State. Arroyo had been offered an offensive coordinator position at the University of Wyoming and would be leaving the Spartans and its newly recruited quarterback behind.

"That sent me into a whirlwind," Carta-Samuels said. "I was emotional. I was crying."

Eventually, the emotions settled like an incomplete pass fallen on the turf. But, also like a pass gone astray, the next bounce was unpredictable. When Carta-Samuels chose to follow Arroyo to Laramie — home of just over 30,000 people, 13,000 of whom are college students — he did so with more than a little trepidation.

"It's strange," he said. "It is a long way from California. You're talking snow eight months a year. It is just different."

The outlook for a starting job at Wyoming was no sunnier than the Laramie weather. As Carta-Samuels arrived on campus, incumbent starter Dax Crum was returning. The Cowboys had also signed Robert Benjamin, then the No. 1 junior-college quarterback in the country.

Carta-Samuels was undeterred by the depth chart. "I wanted to start as a freshman," he said. "That was my goal. I got up there, battled throughout fall camp and worked out all summer. The first game of the season, they started (Benjamin.) But they told me I was going to play."

In the season's second game, Carta-Samuels completed 7 of 12 passes against Texas. The next week, he snatched the starting job from Benjamin, and, a week later, notched his first win over UNLV. The Cowboys would go on to win seven games in 2009, including a 35-28 double overtime victory in the New Mexico Bowl over Fresno State, a win Carta-Samuels clinched with a touchdown pass.

By the end of the season, Carta-Samuels had become the first true freshman to start for the Cowboys at quarterback since 1974 and one of only nine freshmen in the country to lead his team to a bowl game.

"It really was a Cinderella story," he said wearily, as if the story — the accolades and accomplishments — belonged to someone else. "We went to a bowl game. We won the bowl game."

## “ I realized that year that football is never guaranteed. Your success is never guaranteed. ”

I was the Mountain West Conference freshman of the year. I was the bowl game MVP, and it was on ESPN.”

### The road home

The slipper soon fell off. In 2010, Carta-Samuels battled an injury and the Cowboys endured a tumultuous three-win campaign, one that culminated in the quarterback requesting his release from Wyoming, which the university denied.

“As a policy, we don’t release kids who are on scholarship,” said Matt Rahl, director of recruiting at Wyoming. “He was also our starting quarterback, someone who we were counting on.”

But Carta-Samuels was ready to move on, a decision he refused to elaborate on at the time but later claimed was born out of a desire to secure his future, on and off the football field.

“After that season,” he said, “I felt that it was best for me to pursue the best academic opportunity I had. I realized that year that football is never guaranteed. Your success is never guaranteed.”

“There was a lot of attrition (early on in Carta-Samuels’ career),” Rahl said. “There were guys who weren’t accustomed to the way we were doing things.”

“With that, I decided that I wanted to leave and pursue some other opportunities,” Carta-Samuels said. “I knew I had some accolades that other schools would want.”

NCAA rules, however, forbid Division I players denied release from transferring to another Division I school.

So Carta-Samuels left Laramie and went home. He took the semester off from organized football and enrolled in West Valley College, 20 minutes from San Jose. He lived with his parents and redirected his focus toward the classroom. He took 23 credits, graduating with a 3.50 GPA and an associate degree.

Only then was he free to return to Division I football.

### Now what?

In the two years since Carta-Samuels’ freshman campaign, the excitement — and the scholarship offers — had faded away. Only Colorado and Arizona were interested.

Carta-Samuels was ready to commit to Arizona when he got a call from Vanderbilt — not from Franklin or quarterbacks coach Ricky Rahne, but from the admissions department. He had been accepted as a student on the merits

of his transcript, with no help from football.

“It was a choice,” he said. “It was Arizona — a more football-oriented decision — or Vanderbilt.”

Vanderbilt was coming off back-to-back 2-10 seasons and had no scholarships left to offer, no roster spots to guarantee, nothing to dangle in front of Carta-Samuels but an education, a tuition bill and a spot in line as a walk-on.

But Carta-Samuels was attracted to the opportunities Vanderbilt presented. His grandfather, Tom Samuels, played center field for the Commodores and, according to Austyn, “claims constantly that Vanderbilt changed his life.” Samuels offered to support his grandson financially.

“He told me, ‘It’s because I know you, and I know you’ll have a scholarship quickly,’” Carta-Samuels said. “I knew that football would be something that, going to Vanderbilt, I wouldn’t regret. No matter what, I would have that degree.”

In summer 2011, Carta-Samuels joined the Commodores as a walk-on, a decision Franklin called “a complete leap of faith.”

“It was too early to tell (if he would ever play),” Franklin said. “But I was glad we had him. Our quarterback situation was a mess.” Rahne didn’t know what to expect at first. “I knew he was very confident; I knew he had a strong arm,” he said. “Those were my first two impressions of him. I don’t know if he was fully invested that first year because he knew he couldn’t play.”

Spending the entire 2011 season on the scout team, the quarterback struggled to transition from the spread offense he had run in Laramie to Vanderbilt’s pro-style attack, trying to come to terms with how much work a full comeback would require.

“Culturally, this was a huge change for him,” Franklin said. “Based on his high school, based on his previous college, how we expected him to understand the offense and how we expected him to carry himself on the field from a leadership perspective.”

“I’ve always relied on my natural athletic ability — my arm — to overcome anything else,” Carta-Samuels said. “With coach Franklin, you have to put in more work off the field than you do on it. I was a little resistant to that. I never had to do that before.”

Carta-Samuels continued to



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Carta-Samuels (6) in his first and only start of the 2012 season, against Presbyterian. Vanderbilt won 58-0. Carta-Samuels started his college football career at University of Wyoming, where he wore No. 5 (below).

make adjustments throughout 2011. At season’s end, he was named scout team player of the year and was awarded a scholarship.

“Once he got the scholarship, the following camp, that’s when I started to see a big change,” Rahne said. “He prepared hard during the week. I think that’s what’s changed over the last year or so.”

### Another chance

In 2012, Carta-Samuels started one game — a 58-0 romp over Presbyterian. Otherwise, he looked on as Rodgers and the Commodores won just the third bowl game in school history.

Now, with Rodgers graduated, Carta-Samuels will start for a Commodores team that returns 15 starters from a team that won nine games last season. Though he won’t be the team’s only new face come Thursday’s kickoff, his presence — and strong arm — gives Vanderbilt its best hope for its first 10-win season in school history.

“I don’t know where we’d be without him, to be honest with you,” Franklin said.

“Austyn’s got a great arm,” Matthews said. “A lot of savvy, a lot of poise, a lot of swagger to him. I wouldn’t label him as a gunslinger because he makes good reads and he works efficiently.

“He uses his arm as a strength and not a weakness. He’s really good. A great leader. You can tell his playing experience at Wyoming helped him too.”

And he’ll have help. The Commodores return Matthews, a unanimous first team All-SEC selection in 2012, senior receiver Jonathan Krause and — pending the end of a team-imposed suspension



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— 6-foot-4 target Chris Boyd. The Commodores also added four-star recruit Jordan Cunningham, already listed at third on the well-stocked depth chart.

Throw in running backs Wesley Tate, Brian Kimbrow and Jerron Seymour, and the Commodores will likely boast their most powerful offense in a long time. Whether they realize or even surpass their potential, however, will rely on Carta-Samuels, the man who last was a starter a lifetime ago, whose trek through college football purgatory — from Laramie to JUCO, scout team to starter — has helped him become the man — and quarterback — he is today.

“No one will understand the things I had to overcome,” Carta-Samuels said, “going from the starting quarterback and captain at the University of Wyoming and really the face of the program, to going to junior college, and coming here, and having to take such a small role.”

“It’s been completely worth it. I can’t say along the process that I thought it was worth it. But with coach Franklin, what he’s done to me as a person, and my teammates here, and my family being there for me, and this Vanderbilt degree — I will forever be thankful for this decision that I made.”

Said Rahne: “We wouldn’t put him in this situation if he wasn’t ready. He’s earned the right to start.”

On Thursday, Carta-Samuels will trot onto the field, the first-team offense and three years of choice and change following closely behind, with ESPN’s cameras there again to film each step. The specter of his career — the fast start, an even faster disappearing act, the slow, uncertain slog back — will lurk just outside the frame, casting light and shadow on Austyn Carta-Samuels as he declares, once and for all, that the destination was worth the journey.

# WEIGHING IN

As many Vanderbilt students can attest, the **freshman 15** is very real. But for the most part, that's from too many Easy Macs and 2 a.m. Qdoba runs and not the case for Vanderbilt football players. For redshirt freshmen like offensive tackle Andrew Jelks, it's a **freshman 40**.

By **BEN WEINRIB**  
Sports reporter

In the Southeastern Conference, playing offensive tackle at 255 pounds won't cut it, not with the likes of Jadeveon Clowney coming off the edge at 275 pounds. This is a problem Vanderbilt head coach James Franklin is very familiar with, as he inherited an undersized roster two years ago.

"We weren't just smaller, we were mushy," Franklin said. "We weren't ripped and defined and athletic-looking in my opinion. Now you had two different choices: You could put size on them just for size's sake or you could take the bad weight off them and then build them back up over time."

Two years ago, there was only one Commodore who weighed more than 300 pounds: guard Kyle Fischer. Now the current roster boasts 11 players who eclipse that mark. To get to that point, they focused on improving conditioning and nutrition.

One of the first people Franklin brought to Vanderbilt from the University of Maryland was director of strength and conditioning Dwight Galt, who took on the same position under a new name: director of performance enhancement. The two had worked together since 1999 during Franklin's two stints with Maryland.



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Franklin tries to get ahead of the pack by sending recruits a workout plan designed by Galt once they sign a letter of intent. At the same time, he doesn't specifically ask them to put on weight because not everyone can afford extra food and supplements. Plus, high school students tend to put on "bad weight" — fat instead of muscle.

Once they do reach campus, however, Franklin indoctrinates them into their year-round training program. Incoming freshmen arrive on campus in the first week of June and individually meet with Galt to set monthly goals for added muscle mass and BMI levels.

Almost all of the weight-room workouts involve free weights. Every player lifts twice each week in addition to squats, hang cleans and more. To incentivize the players, the training staff created champion awards for the hardest worker in the weight room every summer and winter.

When they're not in the weight room, the staff puts an emphasis on speed training, agility and plyometrics outside. That's what has become essential to Franklin: football-specific training.

"You have to be careful," he said. "If everything is about the weight room, you're going to produce a bunch of power lifters, not football players. You have to make sure the things you're doing are translating onto the football field."

"We do a lot of movement-specific type stuff outside. Everybody thinks running straight or distance is awesome, but it has very little carryover to football. You very rarely ever run 40 yards straight in football. Being able to do short spurts and a lot of change-of-direction ... are much more football-specific."

But with all the hard work, players have to eat a lot of food — a lot more than it takes an unassuming freshman to put on that freshman 15. We're talking five big meals — an early breakfast, a brunch, a lunch, a meal before practice, a dinner after practice and maybe even a late-night snack — for around 7,500-8,000 calories per day. That's a huge change for guys that mostly had three meals a day in high school.

"At first I was really excited," said redshirt freshman defensive end Stephen Weatherly. "Basically, it was like an all-you-can-eat buffet all the time. After a while it gets kind of tiring, but you know that you need it because we're playing in the SEC and going against 300, 350-pound lineman. I can't be 220 playing D-end; I need to be 250."

Because of NCAA regulations, the staff can help the players put on weight only in certain ways. Outside of the meal plan, they can't give players extra meals, but they can give them small things like bagels, crackers and pretzels. They can give players protein shakes, but not if they're more than 30 percent protein. Contracts with companies like Purity Dairies, Shamrock Farms, Gatorade, Muscle Milk and Balance Bar help, and the coaches have players track what they eat.

All that added weight will pay off starting Thursday, when the Commodores match up against Ole Miss. The Rebels' offensive line comes in at an average of 324 pounds, including 360-pound Aaron Morris and 345-pound Justin Bell.

"It's going to be a lot of fun, and you know they're big up front and strong," said senior defensive end Walker May, who's put on 50 pounds since arriving on campus. "What we've got to do is combat that with strength and speed."

## SEC POWER RANKINGS: PRESEASON

Each week, *The Hustler* ranks the teams in the SEC 1-14. This week, Alabama goes for a national championship three-peat, Georgia hopes it doesn't come up five yards short, six teams have separated themselves from the pack and Kentucky is not as awful as usual.

By **JACKSON MARTIN**  
Sports reporter



### 1. No. 1 Alabama

For all the hype Alabama gets as being unbeatable every year, it is interesting to note that the Tide hasn't actually

gone undefeated since 2009. With only two games against ranked teams this season, will Nick Saban's team be able to run the table this year?



### 2. No. 5 Georgia

Georgia returns 10 of 11 starters from the SEC's best offense last year. What's that? You thought Johnny Manziel or maybe the Alabama death march was the best offense in the SEC? Well, you were wrong. This Georgia team can, and will, score a bunch of points this year.



### 3. No. 6 South Carolina

With all the hype around Jadeveon Clowney this year, you would think that he is going to be a "Waterboy"-like

figure who injures four quarterbacks a game. Just be ready for the PA announcer one game to say, "Good news fans, backup quarterback Clint Jameson does not, in fact, have a broken neck."



### 4. No. 7 Texas A&M

Johnny Football and the Aggies have been the most hyped team in college football since beating Alabama last

year. Given the sky-high expectations, and the loss of several key offensive players, don't be shocked when A&M fails to meet those lofty goals.



### 5. No. 12 LSU

The Tigers have an absolutely brutal schedule this year with four top-10 teams on the schedule, not to mention an opening game with No.

20 TCU. If they can run that gauntlet, then there would be no team more deserving of a national championship.



### 6. No. 10 Florida

The questions on offense still remain, but the fact is that this Florida defense is scary good. Week 2's game against Miami will tell us exactly how serious of a title contender these Gators are.



### 7. Vanderbilt

Just like the end of last year,

the Commodores appear to be the "best of the rest" in the SEC. That crown might not stay with James Franklin's team long, though. The opening game against Ole Miss could be the turning point of the entire season.



### 8. Ole Miss

Coach Hugh Freeze returns many of his big playmakers from last year's team, including quarterback Bo "I have the most

stereotypical Ole Miss quarterback name possible" Wallace. Look out for the dynamic defensive duo of brothers Denzel and Robert Nkemdiche to become the "Bash Bros" of the SEC, terrorizing quarterbacks.



### 9. Auburn

Guz Malzahn returns to the Auburn sidelines, this time as head coach. You may know Malzahn as the architect of the

2010 Auburn offense and onetime co-offensive coordinator at Tulsa with Vanderbilt offensive line coach Herb Hand.



### 10. Missouri

The Tigers are my dark horse prediction for the SEC. Last year was the first time a Gary Pinkel offense failed to generate a kajillion points, and if quarterback James Franklin can stay healthy, the Tigers should be able to do just that against a lackluster schedule.



### 11. Mississippi State

The Bulldogs from the Magnolia State have a daunting schedule this year, with five teams in the preseason

top 13 on the slate this year. It's hard to see a bowl game in the future for Dan Mullen and his team.



### 12. Tennessee

Rocky Top, you'll always be, Home sweet home to me. Good ole Rocky Top (Wool!) Last in the SEC.



### 13. Arkansas

New head coach Bret Bielema may be the answer to the recent woes in Fayetteville, but he doesn't have the talent this year to even approach a bowl game, much less compete for SEC titles.



### 14. Kentucky

Wildcat fans have a new head coach to be excited for, and somehow Kentucky has Rivals.com's seventh-ranked recruiting class in the upcoming year. I don't really know what to say other than I'm kind of impressed.

(Weeks without a basketball joke: one.)

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# Life

## DINNER AND A MOVIE

By **STACEY OSWALD**  
*Life reporter*

### 'The Spectacular Now' and Burger Up

Coming from the writers of "(500) Days of Summer," "The Spectacular Now" is a take on the classic popular-guy-falls-for-nerdy-girl plotline. So if you like that kind of thing — honestly, who at Vanderbilt can't kind of relate? — this movie is perfect for a girls' night or date night. After (or before) the movie, enjoy a foodie's take on burger and fries at Burger Up to remind yourself how far you've come from high school, Sonic and your awkward first kiss.

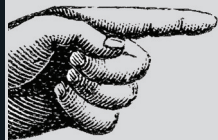
### 'The Way, Way Back' and Margaritaville

While it will most likely break your heart to see Steve Carrell acting like a jerk, you still have to see this heart-warming flick about a boy who finds true family at a water park. Sam Rockwell absolutely kills it as Owen, the manager of the water park who is equal parts immature and admirable. Grab a bite at Margaritaville before to get you in a summery mood and help you forget about the start of school.

### 'You're Next' and Chuy's

Remember "The Strangers," the movie that most likely haunted your dreams for months? Home-invasion flick "You're Next" promises to be even worse. If you choose to subject yourself to this horror, plan on eating a fun meal in a really well-lit restaurant afterward to help you unwind. For that, look no further than Chuy's, where people wear cheesy shirts about Mexican food and serve up baskets of chips perfect for nervous nomming. Bonus points: If you're 21 or older, you can drink your fears away with on-the-card margaritas.

GO DO THIS



### Nostalgia and food trucks

The Black Student Alliance (BSA) will be hosting its annual Back To School Carnival Saturday, Aug. 31 from 12-5 p.m. on Alumni Lawn. The event will feature waterslides, bounce houses, dunk tanks and food trucks. The first 300 students to arrive will receive free meals or dessert from The Grilled Cheeserie, Retro Sno or Pappy's Mobile Cafe, so be sure to show up early.

# New bakery rises in the East

Yeast Nashville brings 'Tex-Czech' baked goods to East Nashville, bringing new flavors to the area's array of local eats

By **TIMOUR KAMRAN**  
*Life reporter*

Yeast Nashville is a brand-new breakfast eatery located on Woodland St. in East Nashville. The bakery-style restaurant encapsulates the special blend of rustic charm and forward-thinking modern aesthetic that is unique to Nashville — even the "Tex-Czech" style of cooking melds the old world with the new. From the subtly psychedelic Willie Nelson poster hanging behind the counter to the daily rotating selection of pastries, Yeast is in a category all its own.

An open, sunlit space and the intoxicating smell of freshly baked bread welcome anyone entering the bakery's unassuming building. One wall has been turned into a local art exhibit, with folksy, earth-toned works juxtaposed with a modern-looking chrome struc-

ture. The kitchen is continuous with the rest of the establishment, separated from the seating area only by a case of pastries and a cashier's counter. This arrangement enables the staff's positive attitude and friendly demeanor, contributing heavily to the overall ambiance. The rapport between Yeast's staff and East Nashville's locals recalls a simpler time — or at least a much smaller town.

Of course, a pleasant atmosphere does not a good restaurant make; the heart and soul of any eating establishment is its food. The menu at Yeast mainly riffs on a savory Czech pastry called a kolache (pronounced kuh-lah-chee). Similar to the better-known Danish, kolaches contain either a sweet fruit filling or a combination of breakfast-related items like sausage, cheese and peppers. Due to a constant flow of customers, everything at Yeast is freshly baked. That freshness is complimented by high-quality ingredi-

ents and completed by the considerable skill of Yeast's staff. The food is not only excruciatingly delicious but also cheap. A quick breakfast of a cup of coffee and a kolache comes out to under \$5, and the portions are just big enough to satisfy all but the hungriest breakfasters.

The huge front window of Yeast sports the pun-heavy mantra: "Everything good rises in the East." Aside from being brilliant wordplay, this phrase is indicative of Yeast's thoughtfulness in every aspect of their restaurant, along with their buy-local ethic — the coffee is roasted at Drew's Brews in East Nashville, and the sausages come straight from the Texan owners' home state.

Yeast is closed on Tuesdays but is open 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday-Friday, and 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday and Sunday. It is as close as East Nashville can ever be to Vanderbilt, and it's definitely worth the trip.



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# HOW TO TRANSITION YOUR CLOSET FROM SUMMER TO FALL

As August comes to a close, the weather sits in that transitional stage between summer and fall where mornings are semi-frigid but by mid-afternoon, you're sweating bullets. For many, debating between freezing in a summer outfit and sweltering in heavy winter clothing has become a daily ritual. If you're not quite ready to ditch your summer essentials but also want to stay warm when the chillier fronts roll in, follow these simple tips to bring your favorite pieces into the classroom. **By Michelle Phan, Life reporter**

## CROP TOPS



Crop tops were this summer's breakout trend and can easily be incorporated into fall wear by compensating the lack of fabric on top with more on the bottom. Keep the midriffs to a minimum, ladies. This can be accomplished with high-waisted pants or a maxi skirt. Layering with open, chunky sweaters or even a denim vest makes the look more autumn and practical for those cool mornings. If layering isn't your forte, Urban Outfitters has just added a selection of cropped, three-fourths and long-sleeved sweaters and blouses. (There's one located downtown at 405 12th Ave. S.)

## DENIM CUTOFFS



Those perfectly worn denim cutoffs don't have to gather dust in the back of your closet. There's nothing wrong with showing a little bit of leg to class, but it's all about balancing the amount of skin you show. Loose, cozy tops like long-sleeved men's plaid button-downs and big, sheer sweaters make shorts perfectly acceptable for weather between 60 and 70 degrees Fahrenheit. Both of these pieces can be worn with a tank underneath — perfect if the weather is suddenly scorching by noon.

## LACE



Lace is a great fabric for sunny summer days but can be just as appropriate in the fall by incorporating darker colors and winter fabrics. White lace past Labor Day is made acceptable with deep jewel tones such as sapphire blue, hunter green and garnet. These colors work great in the form of sheer tights, leggings and skinny jeans. Jackets are also an easy way to make lace fall-ready; jean jackets are always a go-to, but leather- and military-inspired jackets toughen up the more demure look of lace. (Zara and ASOS both have immense and fairly affordable fall jacket and blazer collections online.)

## ACCESSORIES FOR FALL

Accessorizing is a quintessential part of any fall ensemble. Focus on removable pieces like printed scarves in warm colors, colorful Aztec-inspired patterns and animal prints. However, stop short of looking like a character out of "Mean Girls" and avoid trashy, eye-scarring pink leopard patterns. If you're into minimalism, dark-colored solid scarves do the trick. Fall also means statement jewelry, so bold, chunky pieces are a must. Go with metal bracelets, cocktail rings, multi-charm-layered necklaces with gold chains and animal-inspired pieces. (If you're looking for some new bling, head over to Pangea in Hillsboro Village at 1721 21st Ave. S — a short walk from The Commons.)

Lastly, be aware that summer to fall is a head-to-toe transition. A pair of riding boots (take two friends to Boot Country at 304 Broadway to take advantage of their 3-for-1 deal), combats (check out Friedman's Army Navy store at 2101 21st Ave. S), cool sneakers (Keds are so '90s, but that decade's making a comeback ... 'N Sync reunion, anyone?) or flats in dark neutrals can completely transform an outfit from summer to fall. So, there's no need to break the bank for an entirely new wardrobe. Just follow these tips to make the best out of your summer pieces in autumn weather.



## PHOTO ESSAY

## 'Spotlight'

On Friday, Aug. 23, the Vanderbilt Performing Arts Council presented 'Spotlight: A Vanderbilt Performing Arts Showcase,' at Langford Auditorium. The show featured 23 acts representing various music, theater, dance, comedy and specialty student performing arts organizations.



**Clockwise from top left:** The Juggling and Physical Arts Club lights up the stage; a backstage glimpse before the main event; the Jeremiah Generation lets loose; Vanderbilt Performing Arts Council (VPAC) comes together for a rendition of "Footloose" during the finale; the Swingin' Dores show off their footwear during their a cappella performance; VPAC finishes its performance of the finale of "Footloose."

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## Liked what you saw last Friday?

If you're interested in sharing the spotlight with your fellow Commodores, attend one or more of these upcoming auditions and information sessions:

**BhangraDores**

Audition Clinic: Friday, Aug. 30 at 5:30 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C  
Auditions: Saturday, Aug. 31 from 3-5 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C

**Harmonic Notion**

Auditions: Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 5-8 p.m., Stevenson 5211; Friday, Aug. 30 from 4-7 p.m., Alumni Lounge

**Jugal Vandy**

Auditions: Thursday, Aug. 29 from 7-10 p.m., Branscomb Rec Room

**Melodores**

Auditions: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 4 p.m., Alumni Lounge

**Momentum Dance Company**

Auditions: Sunday, Sept. 1 from 10 p.m. to midnight, Memorial Gym Studio C

**Rhythm and Roots**

Auditions: Saturday, Sept. 7 from 1-4 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio B

**Tap That!**

Information session: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 9:30 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio B

**Tongue 'N' Cheek**

Workshop: Friday, Aug. 30 from 8-10 p.m., Sarratt Cinema  
Auditions: Tuesday, Sept. 3 at 8 p.m., Sarratt 363

**Vanderbilt Off-Broadway**

Auditions for "Grease": Thursday, Aug. 29 from 5-8 p.m., Commons; Friday, Aug. 30 from 7-10 p.m., Branscomb Rec; Saturday, Aug. 31 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Vanderbilt University Concert Choir**

Auditions: Wednesday, Aug. 28 and Thursday, Aug. 29 from 4-6 p.m., Sarratt Cinema

**Vanderbilt University Theatre**

General body meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 6:15 p.m., Neely Auditorium  
Auditions for "Class of 2017 Showcase": Friday, Aug. 30 from 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Commons Conference Room 233

**Vandy Spoken Word**

General body meeting: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 8 p.m., Black Cultural Center

**Vandy Taal**

Auditions: Saturday, Aug. 31 from 12-2 p.m., Fireside Lounge; Sunday, Sept. 1 from 12-2 p.m., Sarratt 363

**VIBE**

Audition clinic: Saturday, Aug. 31 from 12-3 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C  
Auditions: Sunday, Sept. 1 from 12-3 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C

**Victory A Cappella**

Open rehearsal: Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 9:15 p.m., Branscomb Rec Room

**VIDA**

Audition clinic: Friday, Aug. 30 at 7 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C  
Auditions: Saturday, Aug. 31 at 5:45 p.m., Memorial Gym Studio C

**Voices of Praise**

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- Start of a morning diner order
- Hunt illegally
- Petty of "A League of Their Own"
- Sediment
- Put down formal education?
- Handle the helm
- They're not from around here, briefly
- Ship of Greek myth
- Rand who created Dagny Taggart
- Went by
- The Matterhorn, e.g.
- Plumbing concern
- GI entertainers
- British \_\_\_
- Put down thoroughfares?
- Hook's sidekick
- Caesarean rebuke
- "Me too!"
- Pay, as expenses
- Russian assembly
- Fuss
- Put down a rock genre?
- Spruce cousin
- Soothing application
- Cockamamie
- Comics cry
- Ancestral diagrams
- Dumas swordsman

**DOWN**

- "The West Wing" Emmy winner
- Homer's hangout
- IRA part: Abbr.
- Big name in frozen desserts
- Crafty
- Thorny shrub
- "Elephant Boy" actor
- Rare sights in nurseries
- Lobster eggs
- How many writers work
- Greek salad topper
- Larger-than-life
- 1950s Rambler maker
- Virologist who worked with Epstein
- Worker protection agcy.
- Storybook baddie
- To be, to Brutus
- Wrangler material
- Station
- 47-Downs have to talk their way out of them
- Look at lecherously
- Cuts off
- H.S. sobriety crusaders

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**Answers to last week's puzzle**

S	C	O	O	P		A	I	M	S		C	B	E	R	
P	A	U	L	A		D	R	A	W		E	L	L	E	
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A	G	E	S		R	A	N	K		A	L	G	E	R	
B	O	D	Y		M	I	G	S		L	E	E	D	S	

34 Spare, in Soho  
39 Moon over Marseille  
40 Put together  
41 Waist management  
44 Cuban cabbage?  
47 Loan recipient, often  
49 In the center of  
50 Popular pieces  
51 Rock follower?  
54 Sound partner

55 Drooling comics dog  
56 Idiot  
58 Water-draining aid  
60 Canyonlands National Park locale  
61 Hand, to Jorge  
62 Pub server's trayful  
65 Tuner's asset  
66 "Mamma \_\_\_!"



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