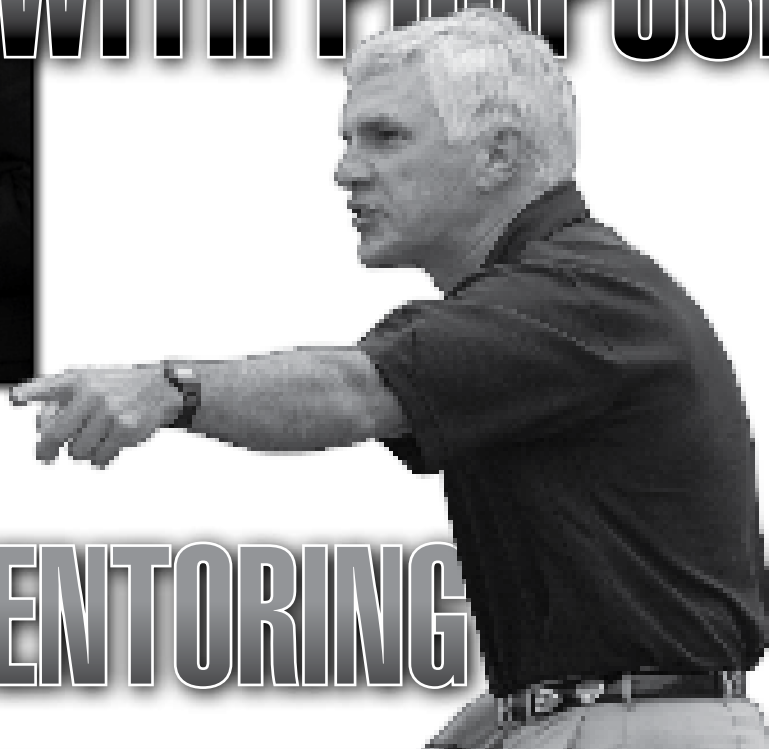




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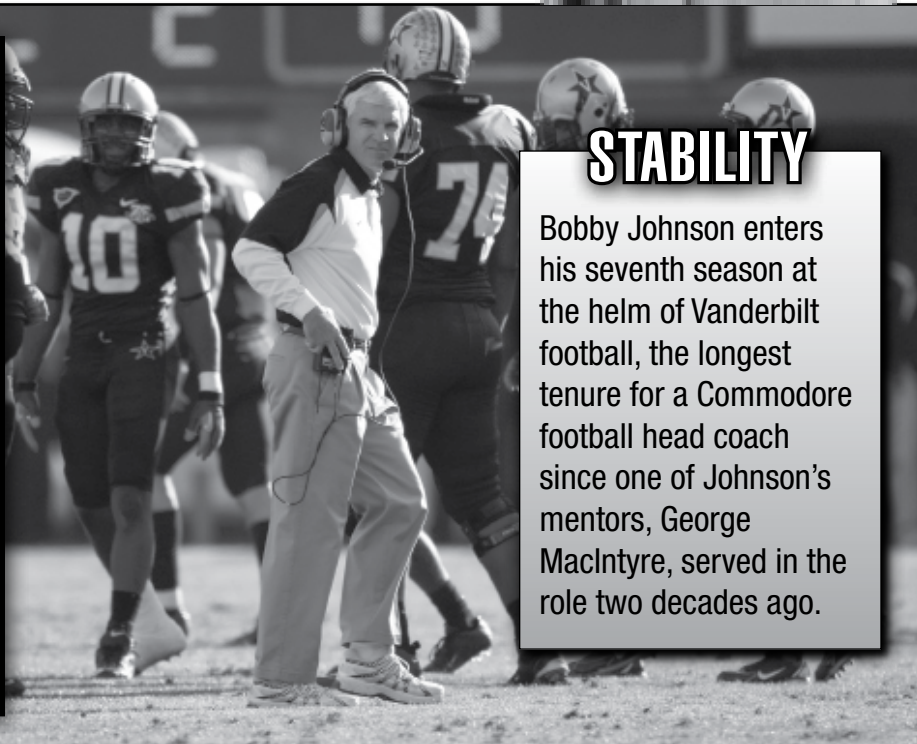


POSITIVE MENTORING

Followers of the Black & Gold are witnessing Johnson's impact on the program.

The competitive Commodores have captured 14 wins from 2005-07, the most by Vanderbilt in a three-year period since 1992-94.

Johnson's Commodores have thrived in hostile settings. Since 2005, the team has won on the campuses of Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and Arkansas.



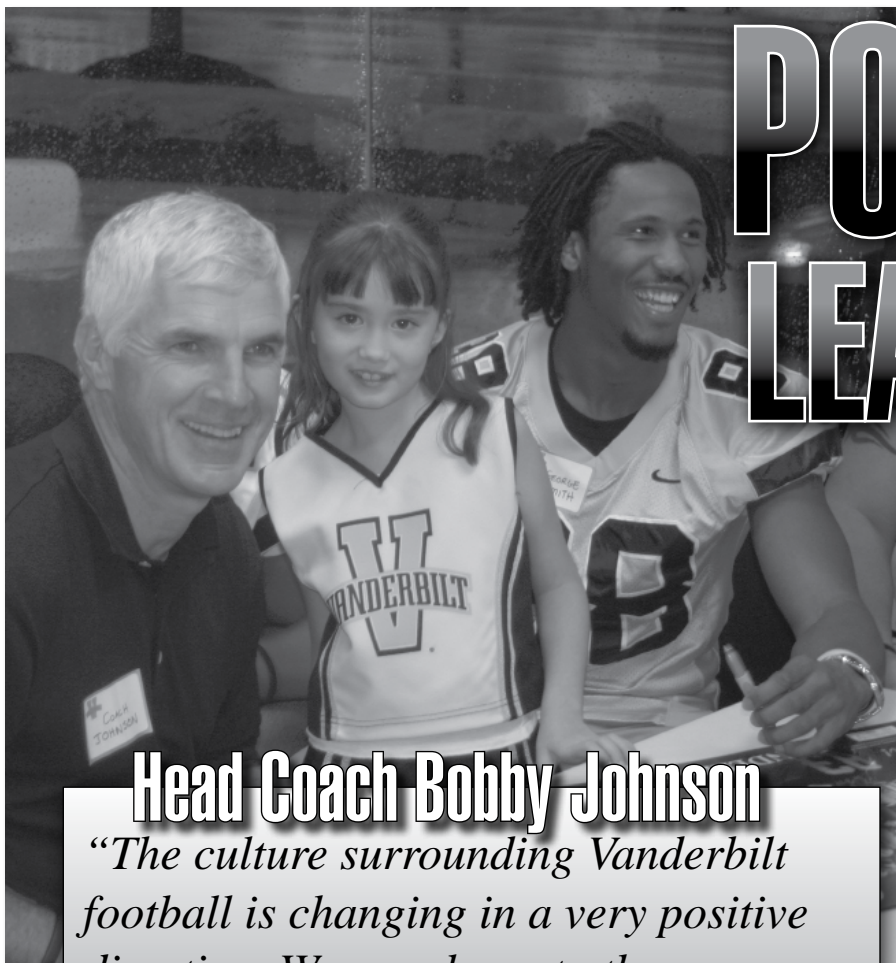
STABILITY

Bobby Johnson enters his seventh season at the helm of Vanderbilt football, the longest tenure for a Commodore football head coach since one of Johnson's mentors, George MacIntyre, served in the role two decades ago.





POSITIVE LEADERSHIP



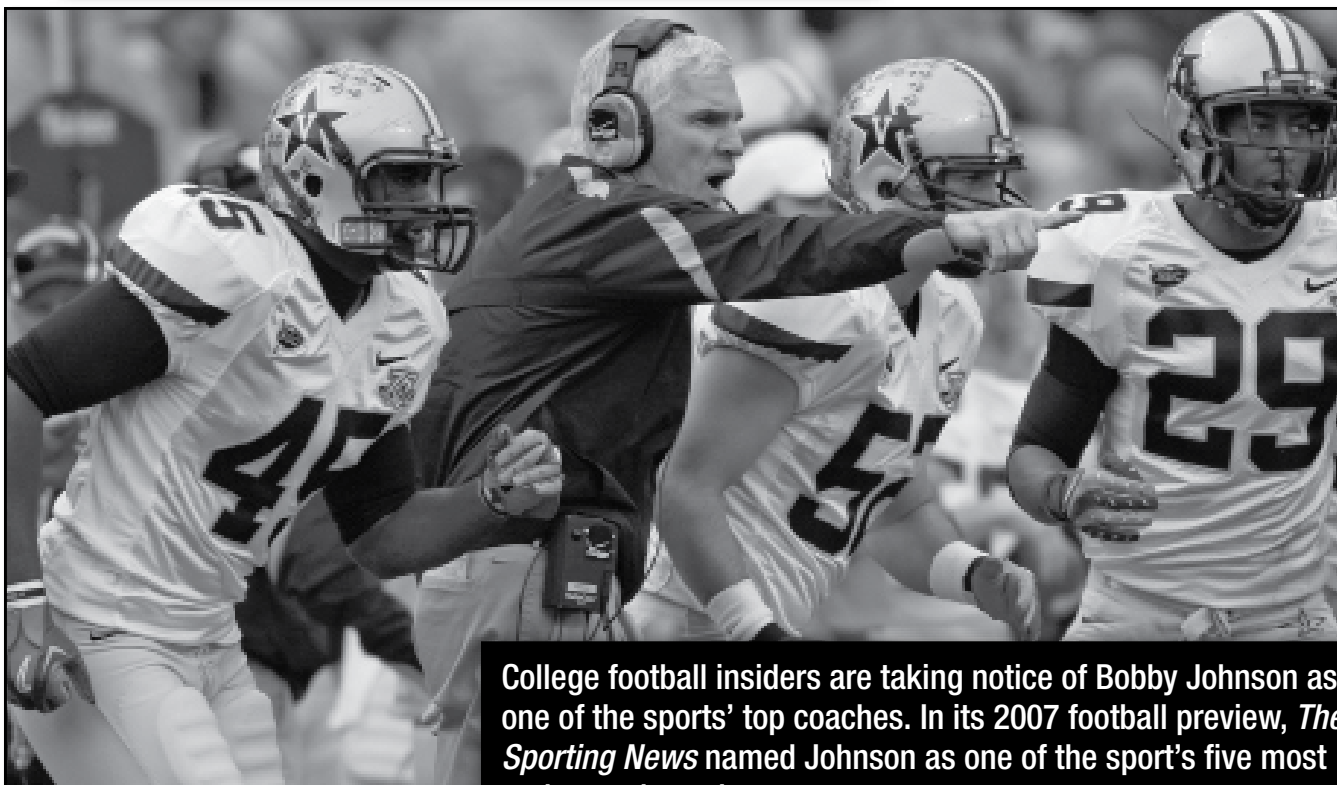
Head Coach Bobby Johnson

“The culture surrounding Vanderbilt football is changing in a very positive direction. We are closer to the program all Commodore fans desire.”

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC SUCCESS

During Bobby Johnson's tenure at Vanderbilt, 139 football players have earned All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition.

The team's collective GPA after the spring semester is at its highest level in Johnson's seven-year tenure.



College football insiders are taking notice of Bobby Johnson as one of the sports' top coaches. In its 2007 football preview, *The Sporting News* named Johnson as one of the sport's five most underrated coaches.



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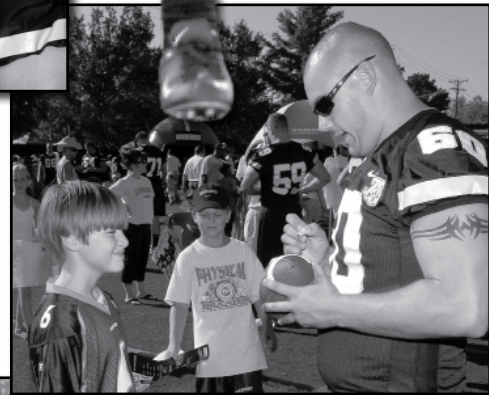
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The Spirit of Gold Marching Band



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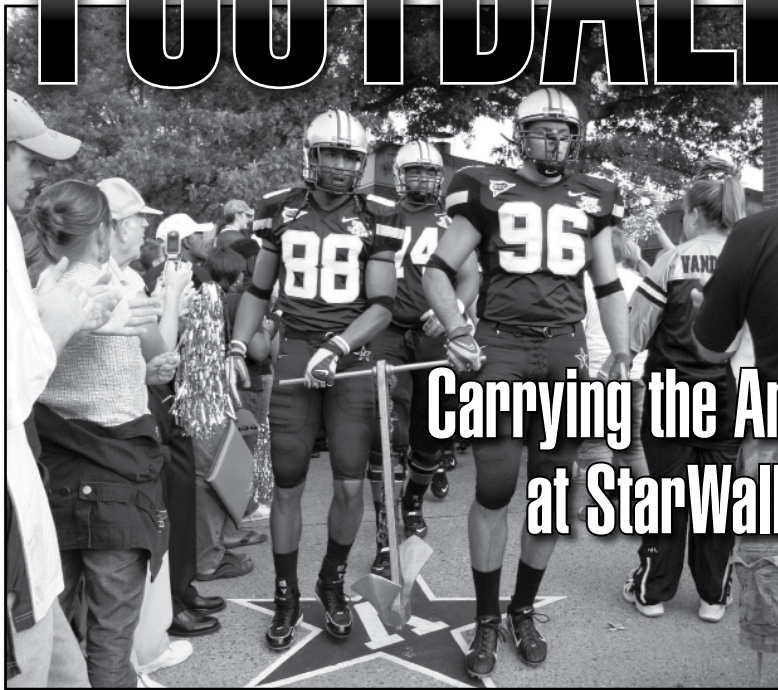


Academic
Achievement

Mr. Commodore
Leading the Cheers



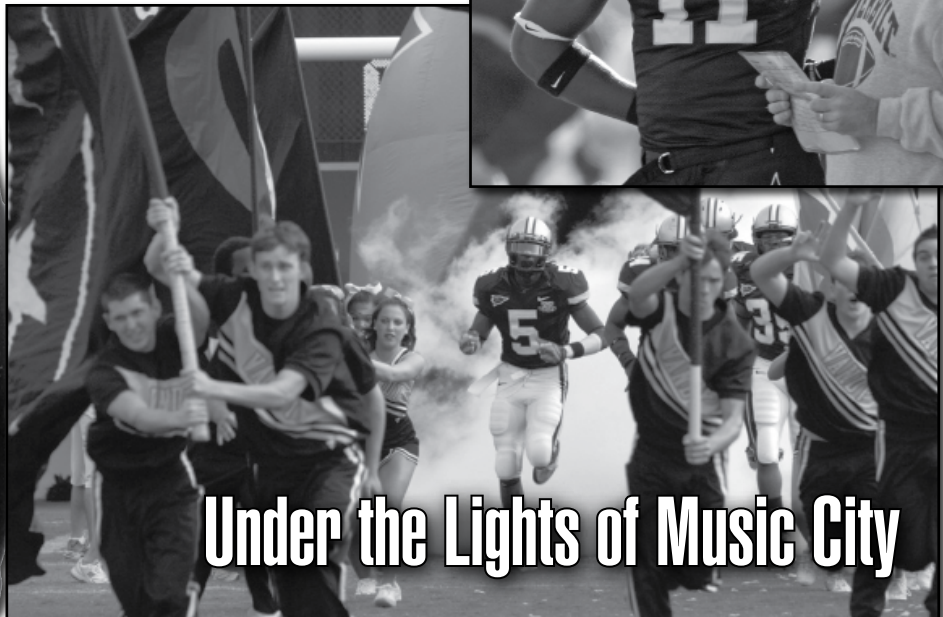
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Carrying the Anchor
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All-Conference
Performers



Under the Lights of Music City

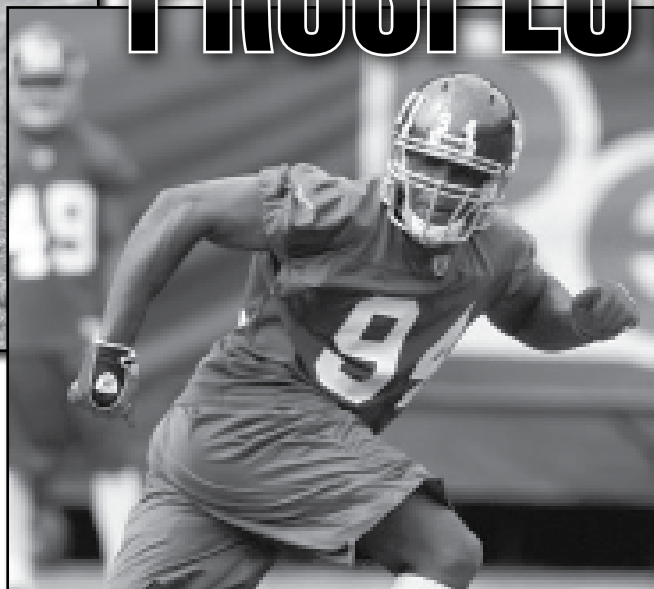


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TURNING PROSPECTS



Bobby Johnson's coaching staff is developing National Football League-caliber players.

For the first time in 25 years, two Vanderbilt student-athletes in the span of three years – quarterback Jay Cutler in 2006 and offensive tackle Chris Williams in 2008 – have been selected in the first round of the NFL Draft.

Williams became the highest Commodore offensive lineman ever taken when the Chicago Bears picked him No. 14 overall. Cutler was the 11th overall pick for Denver.

Williams was one of three Commodores selected in the 2008 draft. Receiver Earl Bennett was taken 70th overall in the third round by the Bears while linebacker Jonathan Goff went to the defending world champion New York Giants in the fifth round.

"It's gratifying to see players in our system succeeding at the next level. It speaks volumes regarding Coach (John) Sisk's conditioning program and the quality of coaching our players are receiving on and off the field."

Head Coach Bobby Johnson





Into Pros

Johnson's emphasis on improving Commodore recruiting is paying dividends.

Five recruits from his second Vanderbilt class are in NFL camps, including first round draft pick Chris Williams.

Seven players from the 2007 squad either were drafted or inked NFL free agent deals.



"We have young men who want to get better, are willing to work, and strive to be the best they can be."

Conditioning Director John Sisk



SEC Successes

NATIONAL TITLES

The SEC has produced the last two BCS national champions — LSU in 2007 and Florida in 2006. SEC teams have captured four BCS crowns in 10 years.

LOTS OF QUALITY AMONG TEAMS

Five of the SEC's 12 teams finished in the final 2007 Associated Press poll. Eight teams earned at least eight wins.

BLUE-CHIP PLAYERS

In 2007, SEC athletes swept postseason individual honors, including the Heisman and Outland trophies, Walter Camp and Lombardi awards.

LEADER IN ATTENDANCE

The SEC drew 6.6 million fans in 2007, more than any other conference. Average attendance at all SEC games topped 75,000.

BOWL WINNERS

Nine SEC teams made postseason appearances last year, the most ever by a conference. Seven of the nine earned bowl victories.

TOPS IN NFL DRAFT

Five of the first 14 players selected in the 2008 NFL Draft were from the SEC, including Commodore offensive tackle Chris Williams.



THE SEC

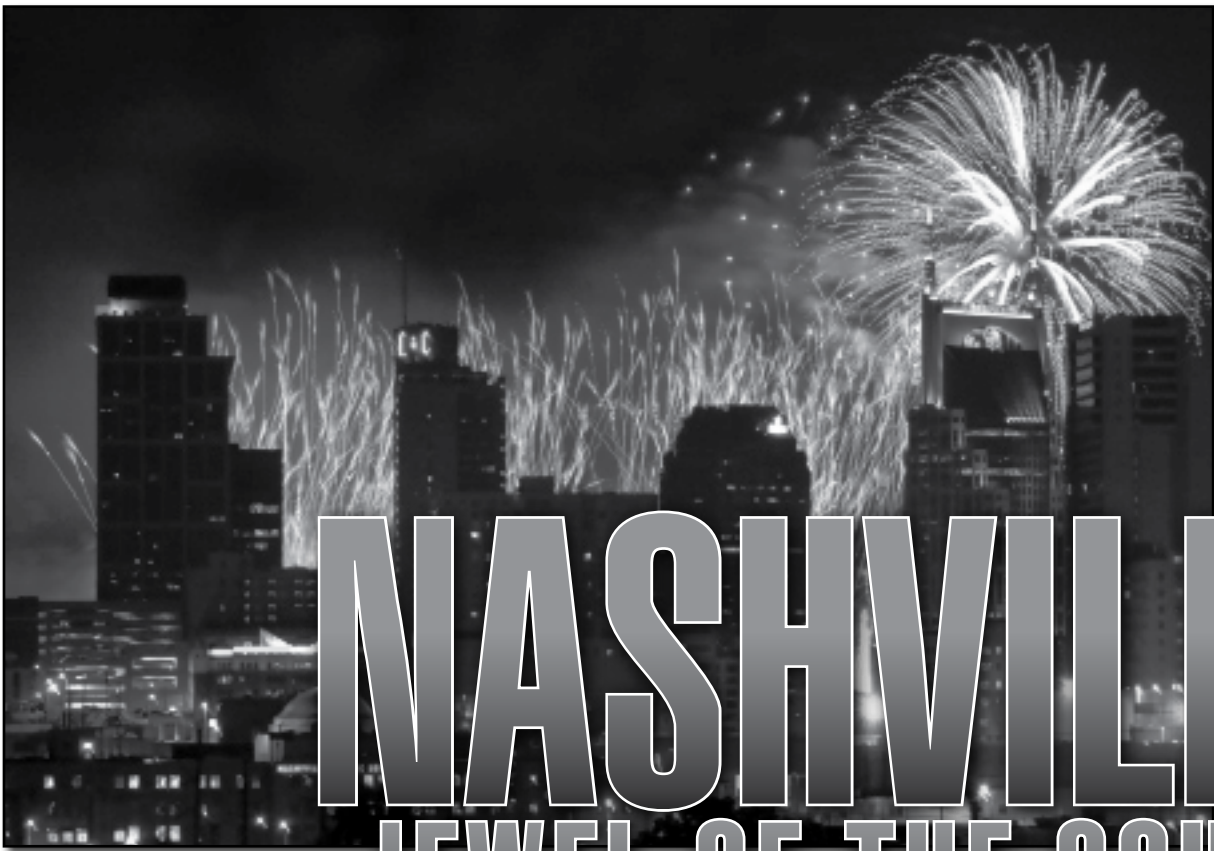
It's SECond to none



"The SEC is the best league in the country. The excellence of the SEC has reached critical mass."

Dennis Dodd
senior writer,
cbssportsline.com





NASHVILLE

JEWEL OF THE SOUTH

"Who else can match the competition on the field that the SEC offers with Nashville's quality of life for college students?"

Bobby Johnson,
Vanderbilt head coach

Urban Campus

The campus is just two miles from downtown Nashville, the largest city that serves as home to a SEC school. Nashville's bustling Second Avenue and Broadway districts downtown caters to young audiences.



A capital city located on the banks of the Cumberland River, Nashville is fast becoming one of America's great cities. More than 1.5 million call Nashville and its surrounding area home. Blessed with diversity among its population, cultural heritages and numerous attractions, Nashville appears on the fast track to more prosperity.

"The SEC and Nashville...it's the best of all worlds."

Earl Bennett, SEC all-time leading receiver





'DORES IN THE NFL

Jay Cutler



Cutler Facts

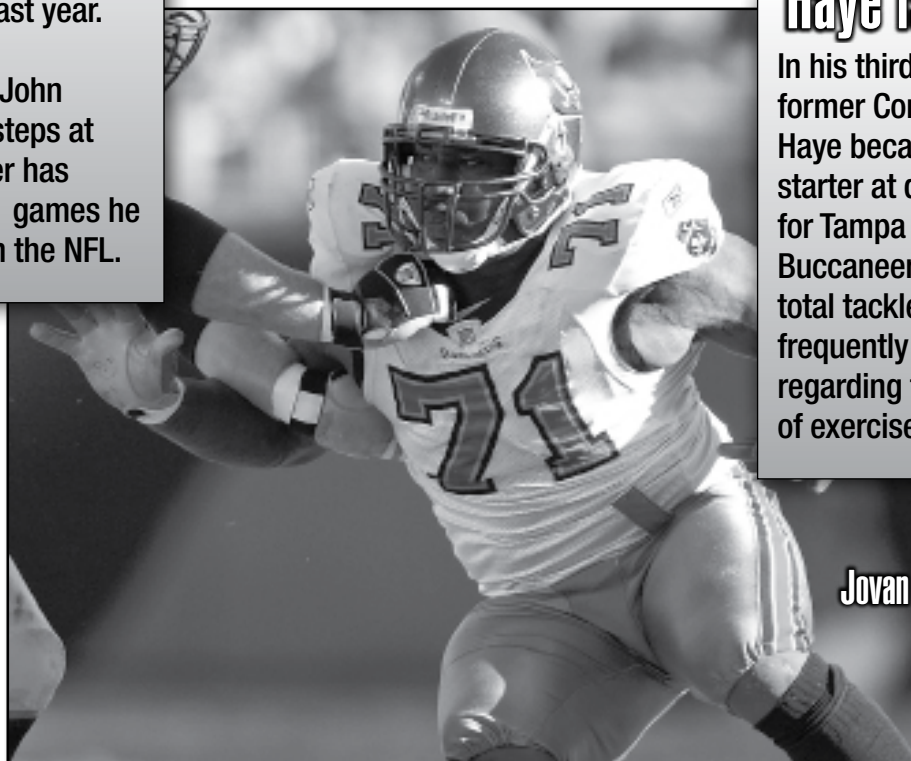
In his second NFL season, Jay Cutler threw for 3,497 yards and 20 TDs last year.

Following in John Elway's footsteps at Denver, Cutler has started all 21 games he has played in the NFL.

Through the foundation he created after arriving in Denver, Jay Cutler has raised funds for several educational and mentoring programs aimed at inner-city youth in the Mile High City.

After being diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in April 2008, Cutler has accepted a new role – to tell as many people as possible about the disease that affects 21 million Americans.

Haye is Bucs DT



In his third pro season, former Commodore Jovan Haye became a key starter at defensive tackle for Tampa Bay, leading all Buccaneer linemen in total tackles. Haye frequently talks to kids regarding the importance of exercise and education.

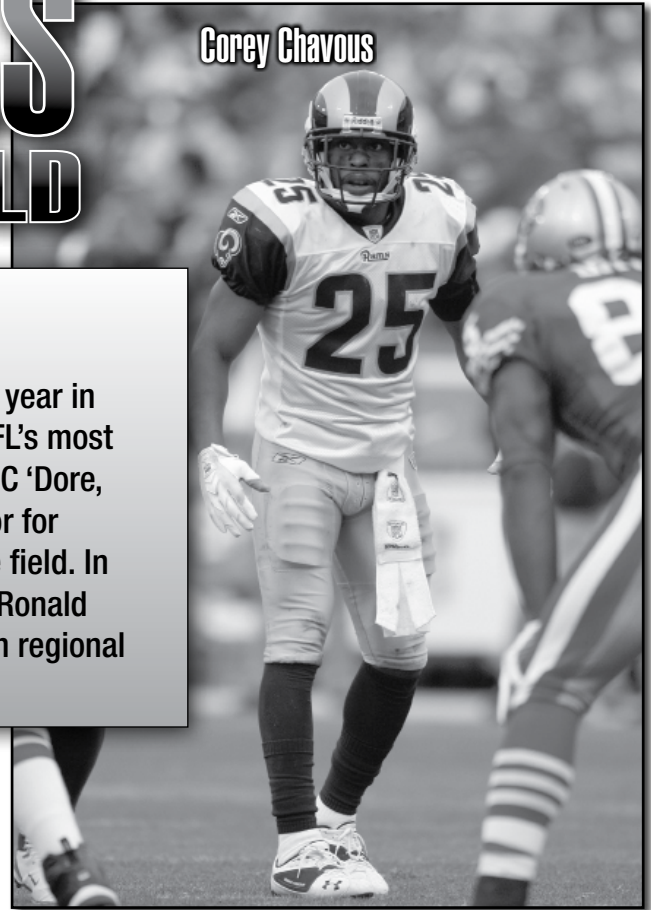
Jovan Haye



ROLE MODELS ON & OFF THE FIELD

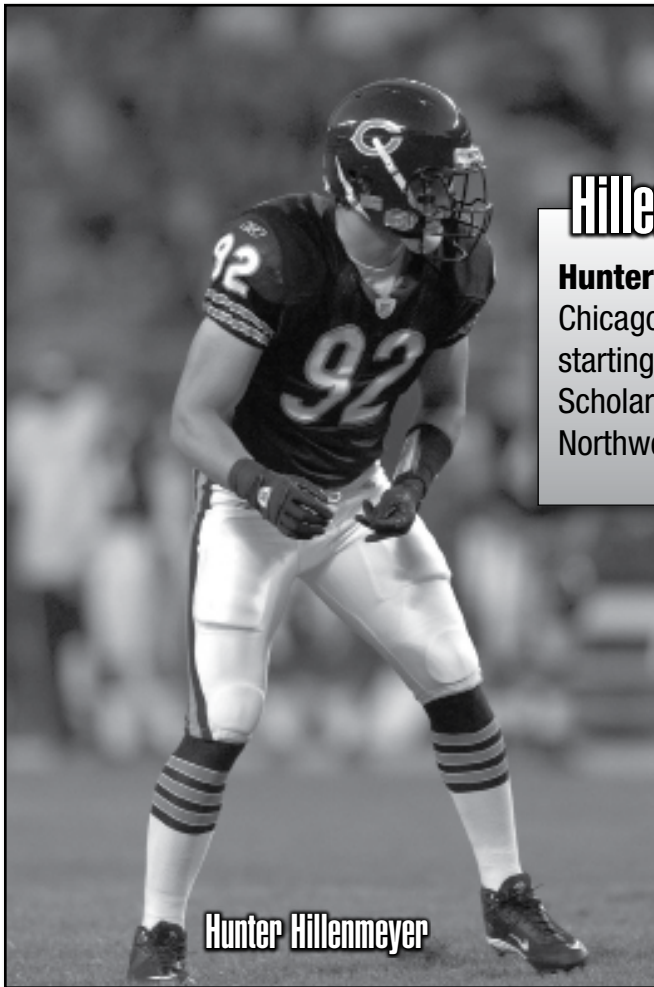


Corey Chavous



Versatile Chavous

Corey Chavous, entering his 12th year in the NFL, is regarded among the NFL's most cerebral talents. The former All-SEC 'Dore, a former draft-day TV commentator for NFL Network, is a good guy off the field. In St. Louis, he helps raise funds for Ronald McDonald House and assisted with regional blood drive campaigns.



Hunter Hillenmeyer

Hillenmeyer: Tough & Smart

Hunter Hillenmeyer continues to be one of the Chicago Bears' most valuable defensive players as a starting linebacker. Off the field, the former National Scholar Athlete recipient is working toward an MBA at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.



Jamie Winborn





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Location	Nashville, Tennessee
Enrollment:	6,532
Founded	1873
Nickname	Commodores
Colors	Black and Gold
Stadium	Vanderbilt (39,773)
Surface	Bermuda grass
Chancellor	Nicholas S. Zeppos
Vice Chancellor (athletics)	David Williams II
Faculty Representative	Lucius Outlaw
Assoc. Dir. Student Athletics	Brian Reese
All-Time Record	546-542-50 (.503)
First Year of Football	1890
Conference	Southeastern
All-Time Bowl Record	1-1-1
2007 Overall Record	5-7
2007 SEC East Record	2-6
Basic Offense	Multi-Set
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Lettermen Returning/Lost	48/17
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The Commodore Creed

*Adapted from the Champion's Creed
written by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.*

Never underestimate your opponent.

*Work on your weaknesses until
they become your strong points.*

*Remember that a great effort is usually
the result of a great attitude.*

*Dedicate yourself to a mighty purpose.
Win with humility, lose with grace.*

Ignore those who discourage you.

*Work to improve your moral and spiritual strengths
as well as your physical ones.*

*Remember that how you conduct yourself off the field is just as
important as how you conduct yourself on the field.*

*Talent is God given – be humble.
Fame is man-given – be thankful.
Conceit is self-given – be careful.*

*Don't ask to be deprived of
tension and discipline –
these are tools that shape success.*

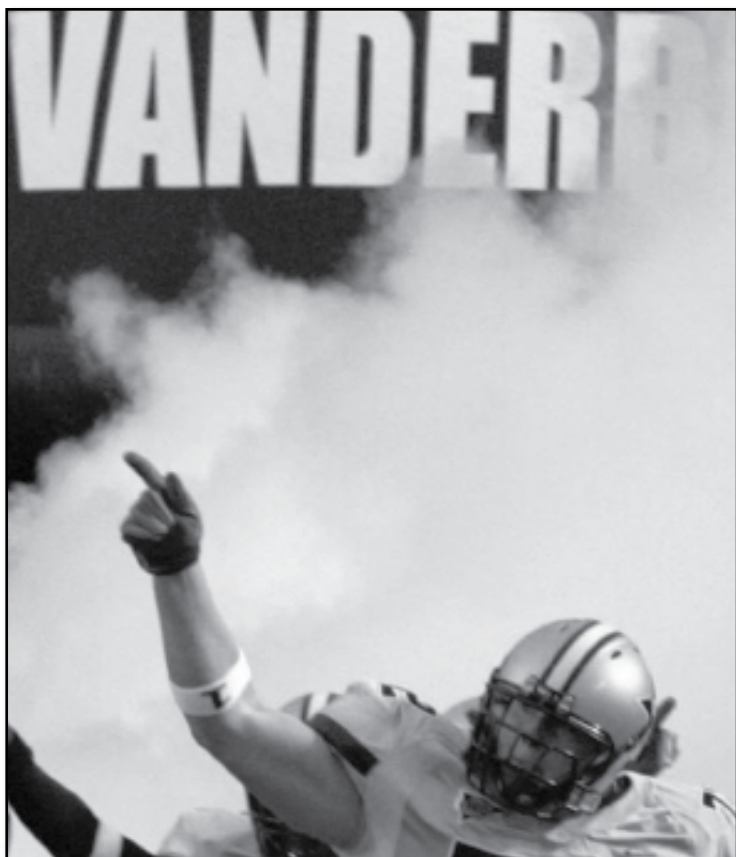
*Do what has to be done, when it has to be done,
and as well as it can be done.*

*Remember that when you're not working
to improve, your competition is.*

Always give your best.

*Practice like a champion. Play like a champion.
Live like a champion.*

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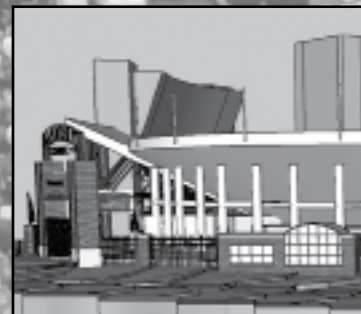
STADIUM UPGRADES

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"I'm excited and extremely supportive of these plans. It shows fans, our players and future Commodores that we are definitely serious about improving our football program."

Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson

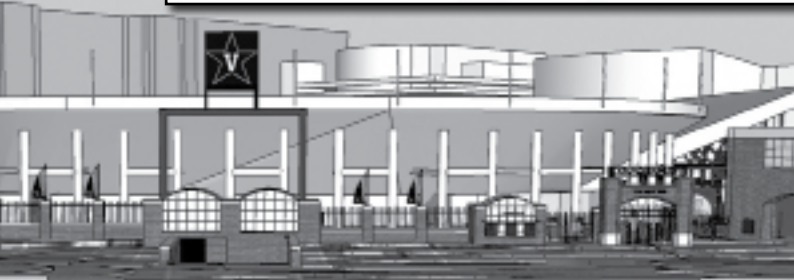




FIVE-PHASE PROJECT

Part of \$60 Million Athletics Capital Plan

ENHANCED AMENITIES



Construction Components

VANDERBILT STADIUM

Phase 1 of construction, finished this summer, called for a new iron & brick facade facing Jess Neely Drive, concourse updates and exterior paint.

After the '08 season – in Phase 2 – stadium gates 2 & 3 will be renovated, along with the addition of a plaza at Gate 2. The exterior facade will continue down Natchez Trace.

Later plans call for a south endzone addition, renovation of Gate 1, and the possibility of installing synthetic turf on the Dudley Field surface.

MCGUGIN CENTER

The team's daily operation will change drastically with improvements coming to McGugin Center and the John Rich Practice Facility.

This summer, crews installed a FieldTurf surface at the squad's primary practice field.

After the 2008 season concludes, the first of several improvement projects at McGugin Center will take place. The effort includes new player locker rooms, coaches' offices and position meeting rooms, a team meeting room, expansion of the training facility, and updates to the Academic Center.

The McGugin Center work will also include construction of the Commodore Athletics Hall of Fame.

Later phases are expected to continue for several years as funding becomes available.

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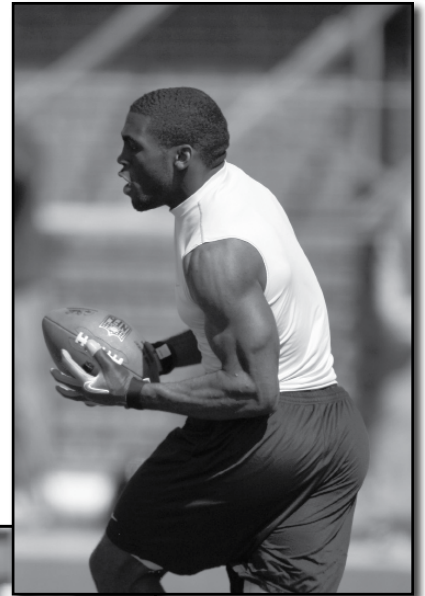
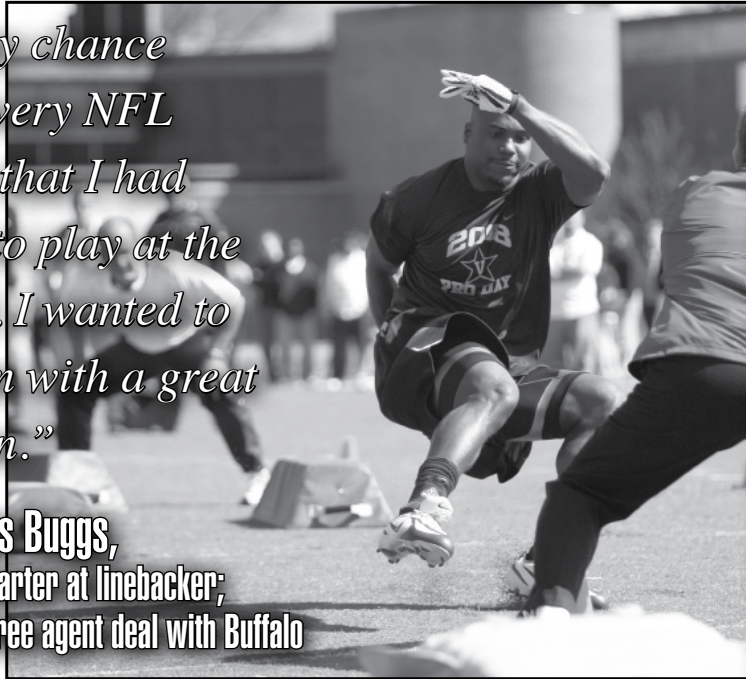




ATTRACTING PRO SCOUTS

"It was my chance to show every NFL franchise that I had the skills to play at the next level. I wanted to leave them with a great impression."

Marcus Buggs,
2008 starter at linebacker;
signed free agent deal with Buffalo



Taking Full Advantage

NFL scouts arrived in big numbers for Vanderbilt's Pro Day in April. Most were there to watch tackle Chris Williams, two-time All-SEC linebacker Jonathan Goff, and SEC record breaking receiver Earl Bennett catch passes from former Commodore great Jay Cutler.

While that trio performed in fine fashion, other Vanderbilt prospects such as defensive tackle Theo Horrocks, linebacker Marcus Buggs, offensive tackle Brian Stamper, and defensive end/linebacker Curtis Gatewood made favorable impressions on scouts.





Even after four Commodores impressed at the NFL Scouting Combine, virtually every NFL team was represented at Vanderbilt's Pro Day.

AND MAKING AN IMPRESSION

Each April, NFL talent evaluators converge on the campus to monitor Vanderbilt's Pro Day when Commodore seniors showcase their talents to would-be NFL suitors.

Twelve former Vanderbilt players displayed their skills – nine of those were either drafted or reached NFL camps as free agents.





SPEED

"I owe Coach Sisk and his staff a great deal for helping me get to where I am today. Those guys know what they're doing, and they're tremendously supportive."

Chris Williams,

Three-year Commodore OT starter; 2008 #14 overall pick of Chicago Bears

"You want me to tell how much John Sisk and that staff mean to me? Just know that I'll be up there in Nashville during the summer with Coach."

Jovan Haye

Defensive tackle, Tampa Bay Bucs





STRENGTH

STRENGTH BY THE NUMBERS

"One of the main reasons I succeeded at Vanderbilt and now have a chance for even more success with the Broncos is because of everything Coach Sisk and his staff did for me. I'll be forever grateful."

Jay Cutler
Quarterback, Denver Broncos

2

Number of freshman team strength records set this year by Ryan van Rensburg: bench press (420 lbs.) and hang clean (355 lbs.)

4

National Strength & Conditioning All-Americans since 2004: (Justin Geisinger, Jay Cutler, Gabe Hall, Chris Williams)

15

Total number of players with personal record in standing broad jump exceeding 10 feet.

41

Current players to clean 300 pounds or more

45

Record set last year by Gabe Hall for total bench press repetitions of 225 pounds

335

Number of personal records set by Commodore players during '08 winter training program



"When I moved from tight end (during 2006 season), I weighed 255 pounds. I had to get bigger and stronger while keeping my agility. I give full credit to Coach Sisk and his staff."

Thomas Welch, R-Jr., offensive tackle

"You have to be big, fast and agile to compete in this league. To be successful, you have to reach for your maximum abilities. The (strength) coaches focus on trying to get the best out of us."

Reshard Langford, R-Sr., co-captain, safety

"You look around the field and there's so many great athletes in the SEC. Coach Sisk's staff motivates you to reach for your best. Anything else is unacceptable."

Steven Stone, R-Jr., defensive end

"Physically, I've been through a lot due to illness. As I get ready for my final year, I'm stronger and more confident than ever before. Our strength staff deserves credit."

George Smith, R-Sr., co-captain, wide receiver

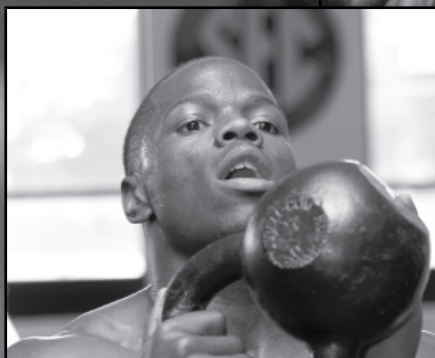
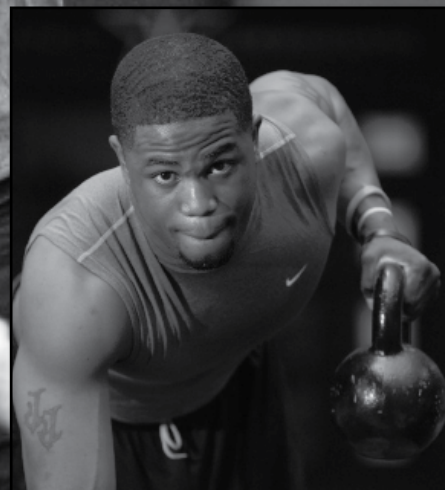
"The coaches, especially Coach (Gabe) Teeple, worked so hard to get me back from injury last year. I'm very thankful for that. Now we're working to enhance my explosiveness for a great senior year."

Jeff Jennings, R-Sr., tailback

Top Lifters

2002	Jamie Byrum
2003	Ian Gaines
2004	Justin Geisinger
2005	Brian Stamper
2006	Gabe Hall
2007	Gabe Hall

POWER





PRIMETIME EXPOSURE



Vanderbilt is located in America's 39th largest metro market. Nashville is the largest among metro areas that are home to SEC schools.



As a member of the SEC, Vanderbilt plays in front of the nation's biggest college football audiences – both in person and on television.

SEC Football is a massive TV ratings hit. SEC games on CBS Sports enjoyed a double-digit gain in audience share last year. It is the only conference that can make such a claim.

National games on ESPN and regional broadcasts by Raycom Sports also grab huge audiences.

For the third time in four years, the Commodores will open their season in the homes of millions of Americans.

In the opener, Vanderbilt plays Miami (Ohio) on ESPNU, then comes back to Nashville to host South Carolina on ESPN.

Several other regional TV games are scheduled during the 2008 season.



The flagship radio station for Vanderbilt Football, WGFX "The Zone" 104.5-FM, features Middle Tennessee's top-ranked sports talk format.





"When it comes to nutrition, Magic is without peer. Plus, he truly cares about all of our players."

Coach Bobby Johnson

MAGIC NOORI

CARING FOOD COACH

Vanderbilt Athletics is home to Majid "Magic" Noori, America's No. 1 collegiate food coach.

Performing his culinary magic in the Hendrix Room, Vanderbilt's athletic dining facility, those who receive the biggest benefit from Magic's nutritional knowledge are Commodore athletes.

Noori helps the Vanderbilt student-athlete maximize his athletic potential by preparing carefully planned meals. If a student-athlete needs to add weight, Magic has the plan. If shedding pounds



is in order, he's also up to the task, balancing carb, protein, fat, and micronutrient intake while correctly timing the meals and snacks for maximize efficiency.

"Magic and what he achieves in terms of nutrition in the Hendrix Room is truly remarkable," Bobby Johnson said. "And Magic does it with a warm, caring attitude."

Many media outlets, including CBS This Morning and *USA Today*, have featured Magic's culinary creations. *Sports Illustrated* has focused on Noori's talents in five editions.

Magic and his smiling, friendly staff have been pleasing Commodore athletes since 1990.





PROFESSIONAL ATHLETIC TRAINERS



Lifesaving Aid

A Vanderbilt athletic trainer's quick and professional response during a 2006 practice session is credited with saving the life of a student-athlete who had collapsed from cardiac arrest.



Specialized Athletic Trainers

Vanderbilt football players receive the finest in medical attention and care from a top-notch staff of athletic trainers and medical physicians.

Coordinated by Head Athletic Trainer Tom Bossung and Vanderbilt team physician Dr. Kurt Spindler, this collection of professionals is assembled through a joint venture of Commodore Athletics and the Vanderbilt Medical Center, located within walking distance of the football stadium and practice facilities.

Commodore athletes receive individualized health care on a daily basis. The training room, located between the football locker room and weight room, is fully equipped, and is scheduled for a major expansion and renovation in 2009.

Bossung and his 10-person training room staff are certified by the National Athletic Training Association and licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners.

Spindler, a highly respected sports medicine physician and orthopedic surgeon, also directs a professional staff of athletic trainers and physical therapists at the modern Vanderbilt Orthopedic Institute located in Vanderbilt Medical Center.

Medical Staff

Head Athletic Trainer:
Tom Bossung

Asst. Athletic Trainers:
Patrick Violette
Justin Wenzel

**Vanderbilt Orthopedic
Institute Team Physicians:**
Dr. Kurt Spindler
Dr. John Kuhn
Dr. Andrew Gregory
Dr. Harrison Shull Jr.
Dr. Warne Fitch
Dr. Charlie Cox





VANDERBILT ATHLETICS



ACADEMIC SUCCESSES

212 Vanderbilt student-athletes achieved All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recognition in 2007-08. Of those student-athletes, 102 achieved Dean's List status with a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

2007-08 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Nine varsity sports, one shy of a school-record, reached NCAA postseason play

The men's basketball squad reached the NCAA tourney for the second consecutive season. The women's team, playing in their ninth straight NCAA, reached the Sweet 16

Baseball received their third consecutive NCAA berth

Football team won on the campus of a Top 25 team for the first time

Women's basketball and lacrosse teams captured the most conference wins ever



SUCCESS AT

