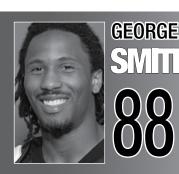
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SMITH R-Sr., Receiver 6-3, 202 Pembroke Pines, Fla. Hollywood Hills HS

2008 PROSPECTS Smith's journey at Vanderbilt has been full of highs and lows. As he enters his sixth and final season, Smith is prepared to make sure this is a season of highs. Elected offensive co-captain by teammates in Spring Practice, Smith looks to fill part of the void left by the NFL departure of All-SEC performer Earl Bennett. A good athlete

-More on Smith

Four years ago, Smith lay comatose and paralyzed in a Florida hospital suffering from a rare neurological disorder known as transverse myelitis. Five weeks in ICU ensued. Treated with a blood-cleansing procedure, Smith slowly improved. Within four months, he returned to the Commodores, though Smith was held out of contact for nearly 18 months. The ordeal earned Smith a proper label from espn.com – 'Captain Courageous.'

with superb hands, Smith's improvement in producing yardage after the catch would greatly enhance his effectiveness, and open the field for other Commodore playmakers. 2007 Produced finest overall season as WR starter opposite All-SEC and all-time leading receiver Earl Bennett... Set new single-season career highs with 32 receptions and 397 receiving vards... Matched career high with three touchdown catches... Had at least one reception in every game, producing two or more catches in nine of 12

games... In season finale, caught seven passes for 94 yards vs. Wake Forest... Scored only Commodore touchdown vs. Alabama on 15-yard pass from Mackenzi Adams... Shared Offensive Player of the Week honors following performance at South Carolina that included 22-yard connection with Adams that gave 'Dores their first touchdown in eventual 17-6 win... Also scored team's final points on 2-yard pass from Adams at Tennessee, giving Commodores a 24-9 advantage late in third quarter. **2006** Played in every game, starting the first 11 games at WR... Became more productive across from All-SEC Earl Bennett as season endured, catching at least two passes in each of Vanderbilt's last five games... Team's No. 3 receiver with 21 catches, good for a singleseason career high 313 yards and two TDs... Contributed five receptions, including a TD, in narrow loss to Florida, then added three-catch, 79-yard effort at Kentucky.

2005 Continued remarkable recovery from serious illness, developing into a key WR in first year of collegiate action... Played in nine games, missing MTSU and LSU games recovering from gunshot wound... Ended season as a starter at WR... Concluded campaign fourth on team with 23 receptions, 287 yards and two TDs... Season highs in catches (7) and receiving yards (110) came against Kentucky... Longest catch (47 yards) was remarkable catch over two Tennessee defenders.
2004 Participated in practice, but did not play... Awarded medical redshirt after doctors declined to clear him for full contact during season... Offensive Scout Player of the Week after Rutgers game.



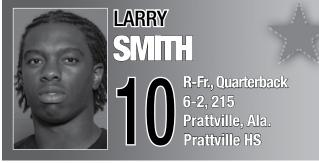
2004 Redshirted... Named top offensive scout after Kentucky game.
HIGH SCHOOL Captain, WR starter in only season at south Florida school... Transferred for senior year from Maryland... Had 37 receptions for 851 yards and nine TDs for 5-5 team... Named team's Offensive MVP... Named All-Broward County by *Miami Herald* and *Sun-Sentinel*... Played in Broward/Dade All-Star Game.
ACADEMICS Smith is expected to graduate in December. He is majoring in Sociology from the College of Arts and Science.
PERSONAL George Washington Smith III ... Son of Kathleen Sorrell and George Washington Smith Jr... Born Dec. 28, 1984 in Pennsylvania; spent much of youth in Maryland... Mom is a school teacher; dad is a Walmart store manager... Has a younger brother... Mentors youngsters in Nashville area in various ways: talks to ailing patients at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital, speaks to elementary classes, works summers at Martha O'Bryan Center in east Nashville.

Smith's Career Receiving Statistics <u>Single-Game Receiving Highs</u> Receptions: 7, 2x, most recently vs. Wake Forest, 11/24/2007 Receiving Yards: 110, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005								
_2007	Receptions	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long			
Richmond	2	15	7.5	0	8			
Alabama	2	23	11.5	1	15			
Ole Miss	2	36	18.0	0	21			
East. Mich.	1	15	15.0	0	15			
@ Auburn	1	7	7.0	0	7			
Georgia	2	58	29.0	0	39			
@ UŠC	3	52	17.3	1	24			
Miami (OH)	1	6	6.0	0	6			
@ Florida	4	24	6.0	0	8			
Kentucky	5	49	9.8	0	15			
@ Tennessee	2	18	9.0	1	16			
Wake Forest	7	94	13.4	0	45			
2007	32	397	12.4	3	45			
2006	21	313	14.9	3	44			
2005	23	287	12.5	2	47			
Career	76	997	13.1	8	47			

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2008 PROSPECTS Smith showed promise during the season, then continued to advance in spring drills. As camp approaches, Smith has a chance to push 2007 starters Chris Nickson and Mackenzi Adams, and Jared Funk for playing time. On the practice field, Smith featured

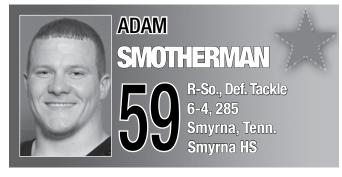
More on Smith

As prep senior, guided Prattville to state title with MVP performance over Hoover High of "Two-A-Days" fame. Smith joins fellow quarterback Chris Nickson as former Alabama Mr. Football recipients on the current Vanderbilt roster. a solid throwing arm during his first year on campus. **2007** Did not see game action as a freshman... Impressed coaches as practice squad QB during fall... Named team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Miami (Ohio) win. **HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain for state champion Lions... Three-year starter as dual-

threat quarterback for powerful Alabama team... Directed first undefeated season in Prattville history, concluding 15-0 campaign with MVP performance in win over Hoover for 6A state title... Named Alabama's all-classification Mr. Football as senior... Picked as All-America QB by Prep Nation, MaxPreps and EA Sports... Two-time All-State... Helped Prattville to 39-2 overall record from 2004-06, setting school career marks of 6,011 passing yards and 54 touchdown passes... Smith never lost a regular season game as starter... In 2006, threw of 2,465 yards, 21 TDs and two INTs, earning 6A Back of the Year honors. **ACADEMICS** Smith is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward

a degree in Human and Organizational Development. **PERSONAL** Larry Darnell Smith, Jr... Son of Larry and Pamela Smith... Born Feb. 22, 1989 in Riverside, Calif... An only child... Hopes for a

Born Feb. 22, 1989 in Riverside, Calif... An only child... Hopes for a career in sports medicine... Dad is ROTC and aerospace science instructor; mom is computer technician.



2008 PROSPECTS One of the hardest working Commodores away from the playing field, Smotherman took a huge step forward during spring drills as he attempts to earn a starting role at defensive tackle left vacant by the graduation of 2007 standouts Theo Horrocks and Gabe

Hall. Smotherman's performance during the spring did tons for his confidence to overcome an existing leg injury.

2007 Became a contributor along defensive front despite struggling with lower leg injury much of the season... Saw action in five games

More on Smotherman

Raised among older brothers who enjoyed weightlifting, Smotherman hopes to become a strength coach after earning his degree. He is one of the strongest Commodores, and earned Ironman status last year from off-season competition. at defensive tackle... Credited with one solo tackle in win over Miami (Ohio).

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Earned team's postseason Defensive Scout Most Valuable Player Award... Received Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Arkansas game.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain...

Three-year starter... Played offensive tackle, tight end and defensive end... Earned 5A Tennessee Mr. Football Lineman of Year Award, First

Team 5A All-State by sportswriters and First Team All-Midstate by Nashville Tennessean ... Achieved 68 tackles. five sacks and two forced fumbles as senior... Helped team to playoffs three straight years... Also wrestled and threw discus in track & field... Senior class vice president... National Honor Society member. ACADEMICS

Smotherman is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward

degrees in Secondary Education and History.

PERSONAL Adam Lyle Smotherman... Son of Fred Smotherman and Cinda Stiles... Born Dec. 11, 1987... Youngest of five children... Dad is maintenance technician, mom is nurse... Older brother, Allen, is a former U.S. Marine and Naval Academy grad... Another brother, Chris, is a sheriff's deputy in Rutherford Co., Tenn... Avid fan of the "Lost" TV series... Involved in FCA chapter on campus.

Smotherman's Career Defensive Statistics							
	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU	
2007	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	



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2008 PROSPECTS Considered a starter at nickelback by the coaches, Spead had shown athleticism in coverage and toughness in character, exhibited by his willingness to play through several injuries. Spead also maintains a solid understanding of the team's defensive scheme.
2007 Important member of defensive secondary that ranked among the nation's top units... Regarded by coaches as team's starting nickelback...Saw action in 11 of 12 games, playing through arm and leg injuries for much of the season... Earned starting assignents vs. Richmond, Eastern Michigan, Florida and Wake Forest... Concluded with 19 total tackles, two fumble recoveries, an interception, QB sack and 2.5 tackles for loss... Scored on 36-yard fumble recovery at

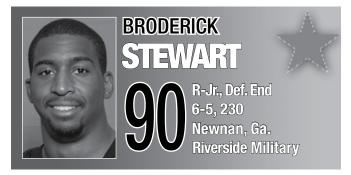


Florida... Lone tackle in victory over South Carolina - a 9-vard QB sack halted first half Gamecock possession... Credited with five total tackles vs. Kentucky, and four stops at Florida... Interception deep in Eastern Michigan territory led to third Vanderbilt TD drive. 2006 Coaches viewed Spead as a starter – and one of the team's most

consistent performers in the secondary – though he never appeared in starting unit... Earned to All-SEC Freshman team by *The Sporting News*... Used primarily as the No. 1 nickel back in multiple-receiver formations by opposing teams... Ended year as team leader with five defensed passes and shared team lead with three interceptions... Also contributed 14 solo tackles and 16 total tackles as dependable tackler in open-field situations... Had one of team's three blocked kicks... Returned first career pickoff 26 yards and against Arkansas... Interception late at Ole Miss gave Commodores an opportunity to tie... Played well against eventual national champion Florida, contributing six tackles and forced fumble in narrow loss. **2005** Redshirted as freshman... Impressed coaches as cornerback... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after Arkansas game. **HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter for south Georgia power... Started for Wildcats at RB as junior and senior... Starting CB as a 10th grader... As senior, rushed for 532 yards and 13 TDs and caught 10 passes for 149 yards and 2 TDs... Named AAAAA All-State by sportswriters... Saw action as freshman... Squad went 41-2 during last three varsity seasons... Team won state title in 15-0 campaign as junior. **ACADEMICS** Spead is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

PERSONAL Darlron Jarrell Spead... Son of Sherlma Watkins and Darryl Gibbs... Born March 3, 1987... Has three brothers, five stepsisters and a stepbrother... Dad works as a mail carrier... A cousin, Virgil Waye, encouraged Spead to play football at the age of eight, though his mom disapproved of the idea due to Spead's lack of size.

	Spead's Career Defensive Statistics Single-Game Defensive Highs								
, ,	TACKLES: 6, vs. Florida, 11/11/2006								
<u>2007</u>	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PRO			
Richmond	2-0-2	-	-	-	-	-			
Alabama	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	1			
Ole Miss	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Eastern Mich.	0-2-2	-	-	1-(-2)	-	-			
@ So. Carolina	1-0-1	1.0-9	1.0-9	-	-	-			
@ Florida	2-2-4	-	-	-	0/1	-			
Kentucky	1-4-5	0.5-1	-	-	-	-			
@Tennessee	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Wake Forest	2-0-2	1.0-7	-	-	0/1	-			
2007	8-11-19	2.5-17	1.0-9	1-(-2)	0/2	1			
2006	14-2-16	1.0-5	0-0	3-27	0/0	5			
Career	22-13-35	3.5-22	1.0-9	4-25	0/2	6			



 ${\bf 2008\ PROSPECTS}$ The playmaker on defense, Stewart is expected to take an expanded role this season, including starting opposite Steven Stone

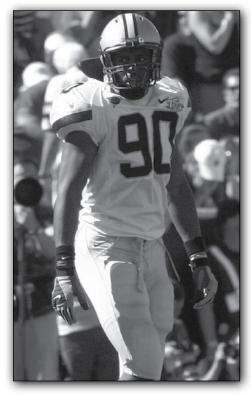
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at end. Blessed with speed and quickness, Stewart has few peers in the SEC coming off the edge in pursuit of the passer. Stewart has potential to become one of the league's top ends. **2007** Played key role at DE though did not start... Team's most productive rusher in passing situations... Earned postseason Commodore Hustle Award... Set career highs with



As a youngster, Stewart's mom refused to allow him to play football, instead agreeing to participation in soccer, basketball and baseball. Mom concised when Stewart came home from school as a seventh grader, announcing he had signed up for the team.





15 solo tackles, 29 total tackles and six QB sacks... Topped the team in sacks ... Shared team lead with six QB hurries, and ranked second with 8.5 tackles for loss... Also contributed four pass breakups... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after two-sack effort vs. Kentucky... Contributed key QB sack in upset win at South Carolina. 2006 Became a key defensive line contributor as a redshirt freshman. playing every game at end... Had 19 total tackles, including 13 primary stops ... Tied

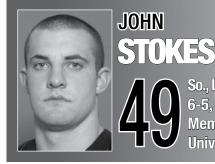
for second on team with five QB sacks... Recorded sacks vs. Michigan, Alabama, Temple, Kentucky and Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted as freshman, practicing as DE.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Helped team to 10-win season and semifinals of state playoffs... Four-year DE starter and senior starter at WR, posting 54 solo tackles, nine sacks and 29 receptions that year... Named First Team GISA All-State... Played in South Carolina-Georgia All-Star Game... Double-digit scorer in basketball... Captured GISA triple jump state title as junior with 44'9" effort.

ACADEMICS Stewart is working toward degree in School of Engineering. PERSONAL Broderick William Stewart II... Son of Dinsemoore and Mariette Bryan... Born Aug. 31, 1987... Has older sister and younger brother... Dad works for Delta Airlines; mom is special education teacher... Plays piano.

Stewart's Career Defensive Statistics								
SACKS: 2, twice, most re		cky, 11/10/2	007					
<u>2007</u>	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH		
Richmond	2-0-2	-	-	-	-	-		
Alabama	2-2-4	0.5-2	-	-	-	1		
Ole Miss	1-1-2	1.0-2	0.5-0	-	-	-		
Eastern Mich.	1-3-4	2.0-5	0.5-2	-	-	1		
@ Auburn	0-3-3	-	-	-	-	1		
Georgia	1-2-3	-	-	-	-	-		
@ So. Carolina	1-0-1	1.0-5	1.0-5	-	-	-		
Miami (Ohio)	2-1-3	1.0-3	1.0-3	-	-	1		
Kentucky	2-0-2	2.0-12	2.0-12	-	1/0	1		
@ Tennessee	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-		
Wake Forest	3-1-4	1.0-4	1.0-4	-	-	1		
2007	15-14-29	8.5-34	6.0-26	-	1/0	6		
2006	13-6-19	5.0-44	5.0-44	0-0	0/0	1		
Career	28-20-48	13.5-78	11.0-70	0-0	1/0	7		

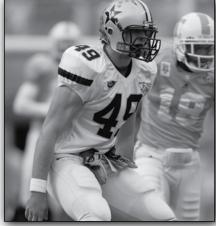


So., Linebacker 6-5, 228 Memphis, Tenn. University School

2008 PROSPECTS One year after contributing primarily on special teams, Stokes enters preseason camp with an excellent chance to play substantially among the team's linebacking corps. Big and rangy in the mold of former 'Dore All-SEC performer Matt Stewart, Stokes departed Spring Practice as the likely starter at strongside linebacker. He could cement his status with a strong offseason conditioning effort.
2007 One of three true freshmen to see action during the season, Stokes played every game... Participated at second team outside linebacker... Early in season, earned team's snapping responsibilities in punt situations, and eventually became primary snapper for all special

teams... Ended season with seven total tackles, including five solo stops... Posted three solo tackles in win over Ole Miss... Also had a key tackle in win at South Carolina.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and defensive MVP for powerful Memphis private school... Helped Owls to state Division II playoff appearances, and state titles in 2004 and 2005... As senior,



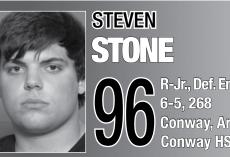
named Division II-AAA Mr. Football Lineman of the Year, "Best of the Preps" by *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and "Tennessee Dream Team" by *Nashville Tennessean...* Three-year starter at LB... Played varsity as freshman... In 2006, achieved 85 tackles, five tackles of loss and an interception... Top rebounder for MUS state championship basketball team... Cum laude honors student and National Merit Semifinalist... Recipient of school's Wellford Leadership Award.

ACADEMICS Stokes is undeclared on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL John Whittemore Stokes IV... Son of Jack and Carol Stokes... Born Feb. 1, 1988 in Memphis... Middle of three siblings; sister, Cameron, 21; and brother, Will, 16; Dad works in sales for Morgan Keegan investment firm; mom is a homemaker... Both parents graduated from Vanderbilt... Enjoys playing the guitar... Likes to hunt and fish.

Stokes' Career Defensive Statistics								
	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH		
2007	5-2-7	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	1		





R-Jr., Def. End Conway, Ark. Conway HS

2008 PROSPECTS Penciled in as a starter at defensive end, the steady Stone enters preseason camp as one of the Commodores' top defensive players. Reliable and athletic,

Stone made big impact as firstvear starter in '07. Coaches expect further improvement as Stone continues to develop his frame in the weight room. 2007 Started every game at defensive end, developing into one of the Commodores' most dependable and productive performers... Finished season

More on Stone

Stone didn't give much thought to a college football career until midway through his final year at Conway HS. Until then, he expected to play college basketball, having earned All-State hoop honors as a junior.

as the 'Dores' seventh leading tackler with 45 total stops, including 21 primary tackles... Tied for second on team with four QB sacks and ranked third on squad with eight tackles for loss ... Posted at least three tackles in eight of 12 games... Had tackles for loss in first four games,



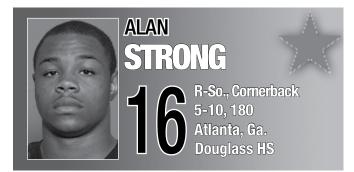
stretching consecutive games with a tackle for loss to six dating to previous season... Set career high in total tackles (8) against Alabama... Started the season with two tackles for loss in win over Richmond and ended the campaign with a pair of tackles for loss vs. Wake Forest... Notched career high in solo tackles (4) in season finale.

2006 Became a key defensive line contributor as a redshirt freshman end, playing every game as

a second-team end... Ended campaign with 24 total tackles, including 22 solo stops... Ranked fourth on the team with 6.5 tackles for loss... Played superbly in Commodore road win at Georgia, contributing five total tackles... Recorded a tackle for loss in five of final seven games. 2005 Redshirted as freshman... Added strength while impressing coaches as defensive end in fall practices.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year starter at defensive end for the Wampus Cats... As a senior, garnered 87 tackles, including six for losses and four sacks... Named to Associated Press Super Arkansas Team and all-conference... Selected to play in Arkansas East-West High School All-Star Game in June... Started as junior for team that went 11-2... All-State forward in basketball who once blocked 12 shots in state tourney game... Played on two-time state champion AAU basketball squad. ACADEMICS Stone is majoring in Economics from the College of Arts and Science. He is a two-time All-SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. PERSONAL Steven Dennis Stone... Son of Phil and Jan Stone... Born Nov. 17, 1986... Has one brother and sister... Dad is a physician... An Eagle scout who enjoys fishing and hunting...

Stone's Career Defensive Statistics <u>SINGLE-GAME DEFENSIVE HIGHS</u> TOTAL TACKLES: 8, vs. Alabama, 9/8/2007 SOLO TACKLES: 4, twice, most recently vs. Wake Forest, 11/24/2007									
2007	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH			
Richmond	2-0-2	2.0-8	1.0-7	-	-	-			
Alabama	3-5-8	1.0-4	-	-	-	-			
Ole Miss	2-1-3	1.0-7	1.0-7	-	-	-			
Eastern Mich.	3-3-6	1.0-6	1.0-6	-	-	1			
@ Auburn	1-4-5	-	-	-	-	1			
Georgia	1-4-5	-	-	-	-	-			
@ So. Carolina	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Miami (Ohio)	1-1-2	1.0-3	-	-	-	-			
@ Florida	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Kentucky	1-2-3	-	-	-	-	-			
@Tennessee	3-0-3	-	-	-	-	-			
Wake Forest	4-2-6	2.0-12	1.0-7	-	-	-			
2007	21-24-45	8.0-40	4.0-27	-	-	2			
2006	22-2-24	6.5-19	0.5-7	-	-	0			
Career	43-26-69	14.5-59	4.5-34	-	-	2			



2008 PROSPECTS One of the team's most athletically gifted players, Strong showed physicality and confidence in spring drills as reserve CB behind starters D.J. Moore and Myron Lewis. As Strong matures, his

playing time will increase. 2007 Saw action in nine games as redshirt freshman... Participated as reserve cornerback and member of special teams' coverage units... Credited with one tackle versus Kentucky... Fourth-guarter inter-



Strong's paternal grandfather, Larry Shreve, is better known to pro wrestling fans worldwide as Abdullah the Butcher.

ception aided Commodores in win over Eastern Michigan. **2006** Redshirted as freshman... Finished season as one of team's top contributors in practice, earning Defensive Scout of the Week honors

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after Duke and Kentucky games... Broke team's standing broad jump record (10'10") and vertical jump (42") during offseason conditioning. **HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year letterwinner... As senior, posted 45 tackles, an INT and six defensed passes... Named to "Super 11" team by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... Standout sprinter, with PRs of 10.65 in 100 and 21.4 in 200... A Coca-Cola Scholar recipient. **ACADEMICS** Strong is working toward degrees in Sociology and Human and Organizational Development.

PERSONAL Alan Curtis Strong... Son of Valarie Strong... Born June 18, 1988... An only child... Mom is medical assistant... Commodore DT Derrius Dowell is also a Douglass graduate... Enjoys video games and spending time with family and friends.

Strong's Career Defensive Statistics								
	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU		
2007	1-0-1	-	-	1-(-6)	-	-		



2008 PROSPECTS A gifted athlete, Trice is expected to continue in his role as the top reserve behind two returning starters at safety. Like three-year starting safety Reshard Langford, the hard-hitting Trice brings physicality to the secondary, an ability to cover in space and



support against the run. 2007 Key reserve safety in Commodore secondary as a sophomore, spelling starter Ryan Hamilton... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing only the Ole Miss encounter... Also valuable tackler on various coverage units... Set single highs with 10 solo tackles and 18 total stops... Contributed career high of four tackles in win over Miami (Ohio)... Had three tackles against Richmond, Auburn and Wake Forest.

2006 Played every game as true freshman, seeing action at safety and on

special teams... Posted eight total tackles, five solo stops, two tackles for loss, and an interception... Playing time increased when safety Ben Koger was lost for eight games with a leg fracture... First career interception came in win over Temple. **HIGH SCHOOL** Played safety, LB and flex TE for Fork Union Military Academy postgraduate squad in 2005... Named Defensive Player of

- More on Trice

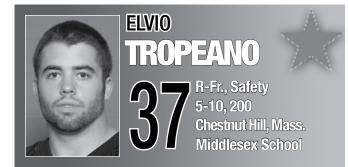
Thirty-eight members of Trice's postgraduate squad at Fork Union Mililtary Academy signed college football scholarships. Trice was Fort Union's Defensive MVP in 2005. the Year after posting three INTs and 10 sacks; caught 10 passes as tight end... Senior captain... Two-way starter at Orange County HS... Named All-State and Central Virginia Defensive Player of the Year in 2004, posting 81 tackles and five forced fumbles... As receiver,

hauled in 27 passes for 423 yards and five TDs... Double-digit scorer in basketball.

ACADEMICS Trice is majoring in Sociology from the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Brent Lionel Trice... Son of Leo and Perphine Trice... Born Jan. 6, 1987... An only child... Born and raised near Charlottesville, Va... Has mentored young elementary school kids at YMCA center near campus.

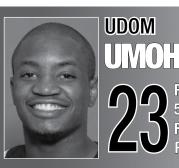
Trice's Career Defensive Statistics <u>SINGLE-GAME SEASON HIGHS</u> TACKLES: 4, twice, most recently vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/27/2007									
2007									
Richmond	2-1-3	-	-	-	-	-			
@ Auburn	2-1-3	-	-	-	-	-			
Georgia	1-1-2	-	-	-	-	-			
@ So. Carolina	1-1-2	-	-	-	-	-			
Miami (Ohio)	2-2-4	-	-	-	-	-			
@ Florida	0-1-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Wake Forest	2-1-3	-	-	-	-	_			
2007	10-8-18	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0			
_ 2006	5-3-8	2.0-2	0-0	1-2	0/0	0			
Career	15-11-26	2.0-2	0-0	1-2	0/0	0			



2008 PROSPECTS A walk-on who made several impressive plays during Spring Practice, including an interception in the Black & Gold Scrimmage, Tropeano's competing for role at safety.
2007 Did not play as a freshman walk-on prospect at safety... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after Georgia game.
HIGH SCHOOL Starting RB for Middlesex School... Rushed for 1,200 yards and 14 TDs helping Middlesex to New England Class C title as senior... Also started as QB and safety at Pomfret School in postgraduate year.
ACADEMICS Tropeano is working toward a degree in the Peabody College.
PERSONAL Elvio Rinfret Tropeano... Son of Elvio Tropeano and Denise Rinfret... Born Dec. 11, 1989... Dad is a barber; mom is a realtor... Has three sisters, including older twins, and younger brother.

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R-Fr., Receiver 5-11, 172 Fort Valley, Ga. Peach Co. HS

2008 PROSPECTS Umoh gives the Commodores a quick, deep threat at wideout. Umoh showed glances during spring drills, yet was unable to sustain momentum from one practice to another. If Umoh continues to develop as camp approaches, he could become a weapon this year.
2007 Impressed coaches as a freshman receiver, though redshirted in first year on campus... Earned team's postseason Offensive Scout MVP Award, and earned weekly offensive scout honors after Eastern Michigan and Florida games.

HIGH SCHOOL Talented receiver who helped Peach County to pair of AAA state titles... Named to AAA First Team All-State as senior; two-time all-area... In 2006, caught 64 passes for 1,058 yards and 14 TDs, including two scores in title win... Standout sprinter, with PR of 48.6 (400). **ACADEMICS** Umoh has not decided on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Udom Iyamba Umoh... Son of Jerry and Angela Murtagh... Born Dec. 6, 1988 in Maiduguri, Nigeria... Has an older sister, Jann Umoh, and younger brother, Michael Murtagh... Dad teaches at Fort Valley State; mom is academic advisor for Upward Bound program.



2008 PROSPECTS Upson quietly showed progress in '07, rising his average while posting one of the SEC's top percentages of bottling opponents inside their 20-yard line. A look back at 2007 reveals that Upson performed at a high level when the Commodores played their best.



No. 1 on his varsity team at Spalding H.S., and finished among the leaders at state tournament.

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2007 Served second straight year, averaging 39.2 yards on 61 punts... Ranked among the SEC leaders in 22 punts (37.2%) downed inside the 20-yard line... Averaged more than 44 yards per punt against Ole Miss, Georgia and Tennessee... Shared team's Specialist of the Week honors

after booting a 59-yard punt and averaging 46 yards versus Vols. **2006** Earned starting role as true freshman, replacing Bryant Hahnfeldt, who concentrated as placekicker... Of Upson's 52 punts, 27 were either

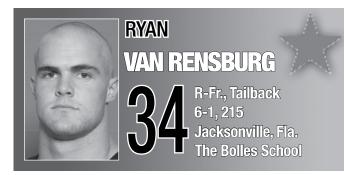


fair caught or downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line ... Opposing returners averaged less than six yards per return... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honors at Alabama by averaging 43.7 vards... In first home appearance, had 69-yard effort vs. Arkansas..Two punts of more than 50 yards aided Commodore road win at Georgia. HIGH SCHOOL Captain and three-year starting punter/ kicker... As senior, averaged 44.2 yards, including seven of more than 55 yards... Career long punt of 72 yards... Earned First Team AAA All-State honors... Converted seven of 13 FGs as

senior, including 54-yarder... Named Special Teams Player of the Year by Atlanta Touchdown Club... Holds region soccer scoring record of 87 goals. **ACADEMICS** Upson is working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development from the Peabody College.

PERSONAL Brett Kole Upson... Son of Brian and Tracee Upson... Born Nov. 2, 1987... Has one sister... Dad is civil engineer; mom works for Airtran Airways... An Eagle scout... Enjoys hunting.. Interned at CSI crime lab, and remains interested in career in law enforcement.

Upson's Career Punting Statistics								
	PUNTS-AVG.	LONG	TB	I-20				
2007	61-39.2	59	4	22				
<u>2006</u>	52-37.4	69	2	12				
Career	113-38.4	69	6	34				



2008 PROSPECTS A powerful runner who continued to make strides during Spring Practice... One of the team's top athletes, van Rensburg enters preseason looking to continue progress as he aims to rise in crowded tailback corps.

2007 Did not see game action as a freshman, though impressed as a practice squad running back in fall drills... Earned team's Offensive Scout of the Week honor after Georgia game.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year letterwinner for top Florida 2A program... Starting tailback as junior and senior... Helped squad to 2006 state title... Earned All-State honors as senior averaging 14 yards per rush, totalling 1,049 yards and 15 TDs... Named to *Jacksonville Times*-



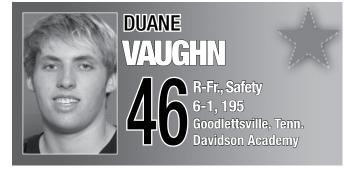


Union's "Florida Super 25" team... As junior, rushed for 20 TDs and nearly 1,000 yards... Outstanding weightlifter, winning state individual title as senior... Also qualified for state meet as shot putter. ACADEMICS Van Rensburg is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science. PERSONAL Ryan J. van Rensburg... Son of Andre and Linda van Rensburg... Born March 22, 1988 in Cape Town, South Africa... Dad is in commercial real estate development; mom is an artist and horseback riding instructor... Older brother, Shaun, plays football at Furman University... Family immigrated to America in 2000; became U.S. citizen in 2005... Grew up playing rugby in in South Africa... Speaks native Afrikaans language from South African heritage... Enjoys sculpting.



2008 PROSPECTS Vance showed a much more physical and maturing presence during spring drills. Up nearly 25 pounds from his arrival on campus, Vance can compete for playing time at a crowded guard position if he achieves another solid offseason workout program. 2007 Played sparingly but showed continued development as OG... Only action came in team's victory over Eastern Michigan. 2006 Saw limited action at offensive guard... Only action came in season finale versus Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted... Named team's top offensive scout after LSU game. HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain for Houston private school... Started at OT and DT... Blocking helped teammate rush for 1,100 rushing yards during senior year... Squad went 19-8 over three-year varsity career. **ACADEMICS** Vance is majoring in Human and Organizational Development. He is a two-time SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. PERSONAL Ryan Wesley Vance... Son of Mark and Jacqueline Vance... Born Oct. 2. 1986... Has a vounger brother. Kyle... Dad is a financial advisor for Smith Barney Inc... Involved in Students of Service community organization during high school.



2008 PROSPECTS This first-year walk-on continued to show improvement during spring drills, and could help Commodore special teams this season with a productive preseason session.

2007 Did not see game action as a walk-on freshman candidate in

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the defensive secondary.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-way starter, helping team to 2006-07 Division II state titles.... Started at RB and safety, twice earning All-State recognition... As senior, posted eight INTs... Rushed for nearly 1,900 yards in career.... Recipient of National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete Award. ACADEMICS Vaughn is working toward a degree in Secondary Education from the Peabody College.

PERSONAL Dorman Duane Vaughn... Son of Duane and Gina Vaughn... Born on Jan. 28, 1989... Dad is a circulation manager for Nashville Tennessean; mom is a computer consultant... Younger brother, Derek, plays tackle at Davidson Academy.



2008 PROSPECTS Vierling played as much as any Vanderbilt offensive lineman last year, and it definitely showed in Spring Practice. The junior left spring drills as an offensive co-captain, projected starter at center, and clear leader of the Commodore line. Still relatively new to the center position, the coachable Vierling is learning with each practice. Blessed with speed, agility and strength, Vierling appears solid in the middle of Vanderbilt interior.

2007 One of team's most versatile linemen, Vierling saw substantial action at both right guard and center as a redshirt sophomore... Saw action in every game though did not enjoy starting assignment... Averaged nearly 30 plays per game rotating with guard Merritt Kirchoffer and center Hamilton Holliday... Consistently earned



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More on Vierling

Vierling is musically talented. A drummer in high school, he also won All-County honors as a tenor in choir... Vierling also dabbles on the guitar and piano. "winning" blocking performance from offensive coaches.

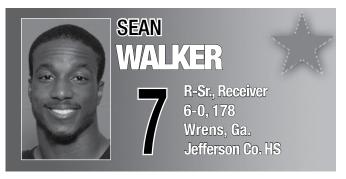
2006 Saw action in nine games backing up starting center and guards... First career action came against Arkansas... Playing time increased substantially as injuries became a factor in season.
2005 Redshirted, practiced as

center and guard... Impressed coaches, earning team's postseason Offensive Scout MVP Award honors... Team's top offensive scout after Ole Miss, Georgia and Tennessee games.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year starter at OT; also started at DT and DE as junior and senior... Team MVP in 2004... Three-time recipient of team's top lineman award... Named Second Team All-State *Philadelphia Inquirer...* Played in Pa. North-South All-Star Game and Ohio-Pennsylvania Big 33 All-Star Game... Played center in basketball... Ranked among nation's top discus throwers in track & field... Broke 18-year-old school record with 182'0 toss...

ACADEMICS Vierling is enrolled in the Peabody College, majoring in Human and Organizational Development.

PERSONAL Bradley Lewis Vierling... Son of Ronald and Collette Vierling... Born May 18, 1986... Has a brother and two sisters... Dad is corporate VP... Huge supporter of Philadelphia pro teams... His Vanderbilt teammate and roommate, safety Ryan Hamilton, competed for rival Philadelphia suburban school, though they didn't know each other at the time.



2008 PROSPECTS The speedy receiver departed Spring Practice as a likely starter. Walker demonstrated the versatility to stretch the field vertically and the elusiveness to make guys miss in the open field. Walker is the team's most proven deep threat.

2007 Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the season finale with an

-More on Walker

Walker pays tribute to his late father, John, by writing "Dad" on his cleats. He also wears a "RIP Daddy" heart necklace.

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injury... Started 10 games as wide receiver in three-wideout sets... Versatile player who joined WR Alex Washington as the only Commodore to post a rushing attempt, pass reception, punt return and kickoff return... Ranked third on the team behind Earl Bennett and George Smith with

20 receptions... With 270 receiving yards, posted the highest yards-percatch average (13.5) of all receivers... Three touchdown catches tied for second on team with George Smith... Had at least one catch in 10 of 11 games... Matched single-game high in receptions (4) versus Eastern Michigan and Florida... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week after 4-reception, 60-yard performance in win over Eastern Michigan...



17-yard TD catch from QB Chris Nickson gave 'Dores 20-0 third quarter cushion over EMU... Played well against home-state Georgia, scoring two TDs in eventual last-second loss; took reverse 15 yards for first TD before catching 16-yard pass from Mackenzi Adams to give Vanderbilt 17-7 lead at halftime... Lone catch against Kentucky resulted in 14-yard score.

2006 Showed great strides, concluding the year as one of Chris Nickson's favorite aerial targets... Started five games as WR in multiple wideout formations... Ended with 16 catches, good for

204 yards and a pair of TDs... Had at least one catch in 10 games... First career start came versus Arkansas... Break-through performance came at Ole Miss with an 18-yard TD catch... Named team's co-Offensive Player of the Week for effort in win over Georgia... Had two big receptions against Bulldogs – a 35-yarder for TD and a six-yard catch that provided crucial first down in Commodores' game-winning possession... Gained 49 yards on three rushes, including a 35-yard reverse for TD at Kentucky... Squad's Specialist of the Week for effort vs. Tennessee. **2005** Recovering from offseason knee ailment, Walker saw action as special teams contributor and reserve WR... Played in seven games. **2004** Redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL Captain... Three-year WR starter... Honorable mention All-State, two-time All-Area... As senior, caught 26 catches for 602 yards, six TDs... Team advanced to playoffs as junior and senior... Totalled 68 catches, 1,520 yards and 13 TDs during career... Captured regional triple jump title.

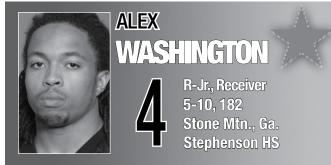
ACADEMICS Walker is expected to graduate in May 2009 with majors in Elementary Education and Human and Organizational Development. **PERSONAL** Sean D'Andrea Walker... Son of Louise Walker and the late John Walker... "Wrens"... Born Aug. 15, 1986... Mom is a teacher; dad was retired from military... Youngest of six siblings... Plays the piano.

Walker's Career Receiving Statistics								
RECEPTIONS: 4, most rec					_			
2007	RECEPTIONS	YARDS		TD	LONG			
Richmond	2	34	17.0	0	32			
Alabama	1	16	16.0	0	16			
Ole Miss	1	11	11.0	0	11			
Eastern Mich.	4	60	15.0	1	20			
@ Auburn	2	10	5.0	0	8			
Georgia	2	23	11.5	1	16			
@ So. Carolina	1	22	22.0	0	22			
Miami (Ohio)	2	30	15.0	0	16			
@ Florida	4	50	12.5	0	29			
Kentucky	1	14	14.0	1	1			
2007	20	270	13.5	3	32			
2006	21	313	14.9	3	44			
Career	41	583	14.2	6	44			

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2008 PROSPECTS Injured early in spring drills, Washington's status for the campaign remains in doubt, though his rehabilitation from knee surgery appears ahead of schedule. If Washington is able, he brings plenty to the Commodore attack, including an improving, sure-handed receiver and exciting returner on special teams.

-More on Washington-

Washington contributed to the recently published SAT prep book, 'Direct Hits Vocabulary.' He assisted in developing pragmatic ways for students to identify with commonly used words in the test. **2007** Played in every game as WR/PR multiple threat... Minutes increased as season endured... Was key WR by end of year... Finished with nine catches for 120 yards... Also averaged 20.6 yards as KOR...Fourth on team with 536 all-purpose yards... Career highs of five receptions and 63 yards came

vs. Wake Forest... Played well in narrow loss at Tennessee, catching three passes for 45 yards... Team's Specialist of the Week after Auburn performance... Punt return of 37 yards led to key score in win at South



Carolina.

2006 Played in every game as either WR or returner... Ranked eighth among SEC KOR with 19.2 average... Season-long kickoff return of 43 yards came in Georgia win... Handled team's punt returns for much of season, averaging 5.6 yards... As a WR, hauled in three catches for 12 yards.

2005 Impressed as WR during redshirt freshman campaign... Named team's top offensive scout after MTSU and South Carolina games.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Two-year starter at WR; started as DB as senior... Averaged 24 yards per catch, scoring two TDs as senior... Squad went 7-5 as senior, advancing to AAAAA playoffs... Named DeKalb Super 11... Helped team to state playoffs in each varsity season. ACADEMICS Washington is enrolled in the Peabody College, working toward a degree in Human and Organizational Development. PERSONAL Alexander Phillip Washington... Son of Andre and Annette Washington... Born Jun 23, 1987.. Dad works as computer programmer; mom is an accountant... Has younger sister... Dad ran collegiate track... Served as camp counselor.

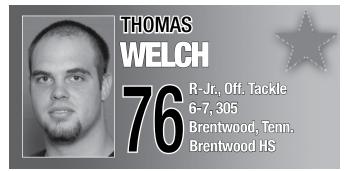
Washington's Career Statistics (Receiving & Returns) SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

 Receptions: 5, vs. Wake Forest, 11/24/07
 Rec. Yards: 63, vs. Wake Forest, 11/24/07

 Long Punt Ret: 37, at USC, 10/20/07
 Long KO Ret: 43, at Georgia, 10/14/06

 Rec.-Yards
 Avg
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2007	9-120	13.3	31	25-165	6.6	12-247	20.6
2006	3-12	4.0	12	10-56	5.6	19-364	19.2
Career	12-132	11.0	31	35-221	6.3	31-611	19.7



2008 PROSPECTS Blessed with big-time ability, Welch's productive work in the weightroom has him ready to earn a starting job on the line, likely at left tackle replacing All-SEC and NFL first round pick Chris Williams. Though lacking experience, Welch owns plenty of talent, long arms, and superb quickness. Coaches look for Welch to continue making tremendous strides as he masters responsibilities of position.

2007 Played effectively as reserve OT in first full year at position... After

missing games against Richmond and Alabama. participated in every contest as the team's top backup at tackle ... Standout on special team units, earning Specialist of the Week honors after Kentucky game. 2006 Moved to OT from TE during season after injuries sidelined two linemen... Saw action as TE in season opener, then played as an undersized tackle in seven games... OT role increased in lateseason stretch. 2005 Redshirted as freshman, working as



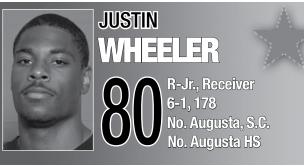
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tight end during fall drills. HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Two-year starter... Moved to DE as senior after playing QB previous two years... As DE, contributing 53 tackles and four sacks as senior... At TE, caught 16 passes, including four TDs. ACADEMICS Welch is working toward a degree in Economics. PERSONAL Dwayne Thomas Welch Jr... Son of Jennifer Wallens and Dwayne Welch... Born Jun 19, 1987... Mom is realtor and environmental consultant; dad works in finance services... Mom played basketball at Rollins (Fla.) College... Brother pitched at Southern Illinois; sister played collegiate volleyball.



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2008 PROSPECTS After stepping forward into a contributing role last year, Wheeler will be counted much more this season with the loss of SEC record holder Earl Bennett. With speed and the ability to stretch the field, Wheeler needs to continue focusing on running concise pass routes.

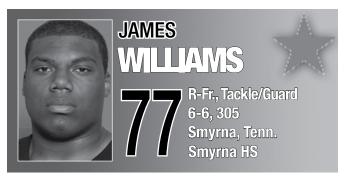


2007 One of team's most improved performers, Wheeler became key weapon as second-year WR... Played 11 of 12 games, missing Richmond opener... In first collegiate action, posted three catches vs. Alabama... Season highlight was a 20-yard TD catch that provided cushion in eventual win at South Carolina ... Added three catches at Tennessee and two receptions vs. Wake Forest. 2006 Saw limited role at wide receiver as redshirt freshman... Appeared in six games, including wins over Temple, Tennessee State and Duke ... Did not register a catch... Also played on special teams.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Played just senior year in football as WR and returner... Caught 25 passes and three TDs... Named All-Region... Area Player of the Year as senior in basketball, averaging nearly 20 points. **ACADEMICS** Wheeler is working toward a degree in Sociology in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL Justin Durell Wheeler... Son of Curtis and Jessie Wheeler... Born Oct. 6, 1986 in Germany while dad served in military... Older brother is a history teacher... Mom is teachers' assistant.

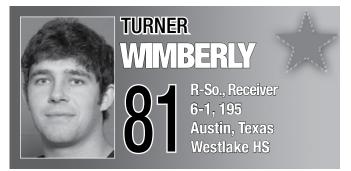
Wheeler's Career Receiving Statistics <u>SINGLE-GAME HIGHS</u> RECEPTIONS: 3, twice, most recently at Tennessee, 11/17/2007							
2007	RECEPTIONS	YARDS	Avg	TD	Long		
Alabama	3	21	7.0	0	11		
Ole Miss	1	13	13.0	0	13		
@ So. Carolina	1	20	20.0	1	20		
@ Tennessee	3	21	7.0	0	12		
Wake Forest	2	12	6.0	0	6		
2007/Career	10	87	8.7	1	20		



2008 PROSPECTS Young but talented, Williams showed promise at offensive tackle in spring drills, and has the ability to even get a close look at guard in preseason camp. The coachable Williams could be in line for playing time if he continues to improve technique and overall strength.2007 Did not see action as a first-year offensive lineman... Served as practice squad OT.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Started at OT as junior and senior... Played big role in team's 13-2 campaign in 2006 that ended in 5A state title, first in school history... Earned all-region and team's offensive line MVP... Earned letters as thrower in track & field. **ACADEMICS** Williams is undeclared on a major. He is enrolled in the College of Arts and Science.

PERSONAL James Michael Williams... Son of James J. and Hollis Williams... Born Aug. 31, 1989... Dad works as supervisor; mom is registered nurse... Dad played collegiate baseball... Has younger sister... Teammate of Vanderbilt DT Adam Smotherman... Kept perfect prep attendance.



2008 PROSPECTS After transitioning to wide receiver last year, Wimberly played well in spring drills, frequently making catches in heavy traffic. Wimberly runs solid routes and has improved as a blocker from the receiver position.

2007 Moved to WR prior to season, but did not see game action...Named team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Tennessee game.2006 Did not see action as freshman... Moved to QB after starting camp as DB.

HIGH SCHOOL Played QB and safety at New Jersey prep school, earning Prep Player of the Year honors from *Trenton Times*... Earned three letters at Westlake, helping team to 2003 state semifinals, compiling more than 2,100 yards of total offense...Standout baseball player.

ACADEMICS Wimberly is majoring in Human and Organizational Developmment. He is a 2007 SEC Academic Honor Roll recipient. **PERSONAL** Steven Turner Wimberly... Son of Steve and Nancy Wimberly... Born Oct. 3, 1986... Oldest of three siblings... Dad is self-employed; mom is accountant...Raised near Austin... Enjoys hunting and fishing.