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# Head Coach Tim Corbin



**TIM CORBIN**  
**HEAD COACH**  
 Fifth Season  
 144-95  
 Ohio Wesleyan, 1984

In four seasons at Vanderbilt, Tim Corbin has raised expectations of the baseball program into one that is expected to be among the nations best on an annual basis.

Corbin's success and methods of running the Vanderbilt program has earned him respect among the college and international baseball communities.

This past summer he managed the USA Baseball National Team to a 28-2-1 record that culminated with a gold medal finish at the FISU (International University Sports Federation) World University Championship in Havana, Cuba in August. The .919 winning percentage was the highest ever for a national team and it garnered special recognition by the United States Olympic Committee in September.

Those results were probably to be expected, as Corbin has taken Vanderbilt to heights it has rarely seen in its long baseball history.

His overall record of 144-95 (.602) is the fourth best in terms of wins, and first in terms of win percentage for coaches with 100 games or more.

Last year he guided a youthful Commodore squad to a 38-27 record and sixth place finish in the rugged Southeastern Conference. The team was the youngest team in the league, with seven everyday starters either freshmen or sophomores. For the second time in three seasons, Corbin guided the team to the SEC Tournament Championship game and the young squad also gained valuable NCAA experience after advancing to the championship round of the Atlanta Regional.

The 2006 team posted impressive series wins over College World Series participant Georgia, Super Regional participants South Carolina and Ole Miss, and took series on the road against Florida and LSU. The team handed LSU its worst conference loss at home in school history in the process.

With virtually the entire team back, Corbin knows the expectations are there to build upon that success and take the Commodores to their first College World Series in school history. It is a goal that he and his coaching staff are determined to achieve in the near future.

In addition to on the field successes, the baseball program itself has had significant upgrades to the facilities with a brand new field-house, complete with new locker rooms for players, coaches and Commodore alums playing professional baseball. Also included are coach's offices, a classroom that overlooks Hawkins Field and a new weight room. These recent upgrades reinforce the excitement and commitment made to the baseball program due to the successes Tim Corbin has achieved as well as those he will strive to accomplish in the future.

He has already pushed the program to its most successful sea-

son, rewritten a significant portion of its record book, and ascended to the ranks of Southeastern Conference and national powers. For him, such excellence has been a constant in a career that covers two decades in both the collegiate and international baseball ranks.

Corbin, along with his coaching staff, are a tireless group that saw their recruiting efforts pay off last fall as the 2005 recruiting class was labeled the nation's best by Baseball America.

Professional baseball has also taken notice of the program as 29 players have been drafted over the last three years including 13 in 2005.

In 2005, Corbin directed the squad to its second consecutive 30-win season, an achievement that had not been done in over 15 years. The campaign was highlighted with series wins over Alabama, Mississippi, South Carolina and College World Series participant Tennessee.

In 2004, Corbin not only directed the Commodores to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in 24 years, he guided them to their first-ever Super Regional as they swept through the Charlottesville Regional with victories over George Mason, Princeton and host Virginia. In the Super Regional they fell to the eventual national runner-up, Texas, but still carved out a piece of history as the first team in NCAA baseball history to make it that far one year after having finished with a sub-.500 record.

Along the way Vanderbilt racked up a school-record 45 wins, was the only team to rank among the SEC's top five in earned run average (first), batting average (fourth) and fielding percentage (first), and finished with a .703 winning percentage, which was third-best in

## The Tim Corbin File

### Personal:

Full Name: ..... Timothy Carter Corbin  
 Born: ..... August 5, 1961 in Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Hometown: ..... Wolfeboro, N.H.  
 Family: ..... Wife: Maggie  
 ..... (two-time tennis all-american at College of Charleston)  
 ..... Daughters, Molly (22) a senior at South Carolina  
 ..... and Hannah (19), a freshman tennis player at Vanderbilt

### Education:

College: ..... Ohio Wesleyan  
 Degrees: ..... Master of Arts in Athletic Administration, 1986  
 ..... Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education, 1984  
 High School: ..... Kimball Union Academy, 1980  
 ..... Kingswood Regional High School, 1979

### Playing Experience:

1981-84 ..... Ohio Wesleyan  
 ..... Four-year letterman as an infielder/catcher

### Coaching Experience:

2003-Present ..... Vanderbilt Head Coach  
 2001-02 ..... Clemson Associate Head Coach  
 1998-2001 ..... Clemson Assistant Head Coach  
 1994-98 ..... Clemson Assistant Coach  
 1988-93 ..... Presbyterian College Head Coach  
 1987 ..... Wofford Assistant Coach  
 1985-86 ..... Ohio State Graduate Assistant Coach



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The Corbin Family - Maggie, Molly, Hannah and Tim

the highly competitive conference, which sent nine schools to the NCAA Tournament. The Commodores' school-record .978 fielding percentage was second in the nation, and their 30 error-free games were 11 more than the previous season.

Before Corbin was hired as the 21st coach in program history, Vanderbilt had not earned a spot in the conference tournament in a decade. Not only has he led his team there twice, the Commodores made it to the 2004 championship game.

During the 2004 regular season, Vanderbilt swept a series against Mississippi State for the first time. It was one of three conference whitewashes and one of five series' wins in all.

His efforts earned him the 2004 Vanderbilt Coach of the Year award and a nomination for the Nashville Sports Council's Sports Person of the Year. Plus, a school-record five players were named to the SEC All-Tournament team, five players were drafted on the first day and seven VU players in all were chosen in the Major League Baseball Draft, topped by No. 6 overall pick pitcher Jeremy Sowers.

His first Vanderbilt team finished 27-28 overall and 14-16 in the SEC, good enough for second in the Eastern Division. It earned a conference tournament berth with a season-ending sweep of Tennessee capped by a dramatic ninth-inning rally in the finale. The overall and conference victory totals were the most by a first-year Vanderbilt coach and were made more impressive by the fact that the Commodores were 12-5 in one-run games.

That squad set school records for fielding percentage (.972), fewest errors in a season (60), most saves in a season (15) and fewest walks allowed in a season (168) — all of which were bettered in 2004. Three different players earned conference Player of the Week honors (the most for VU in a single season), and the team notched series victories over nationally-ranked conference foes LSU, Auburn and Florida, each of which was ranked among the top 15 at the time.

Plus, on May 6, 2003, Vanderbilt recorded the first perfect game in school history, which was a collective effort instead of the product of one dominant player on the mound. Four different pitchers contributed to the 4-0 victory over Western Kentucky University.

Corbin came to Vanderbilt following nine seasons as an assistant coach at baseball power Clemson.

During his time there (1994-2002) the Tigers had more victories than all but four programs. Clemson won more than 71 percent (434 wins, 172 losses) of its games, captured two Atlantic Coast Conference regular season titles, made nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament and reached the College World Series four times

## What They're Saying About Tim Corbin



### Jeremy Sowers

- 2004 First Round Draft Pick Cleveland Indians
- One of the top rookies in the majors in 2006.

"Coach Corbin expects the best from his players, and he knows how to find the abilities and strengths out of us that we never knew existed. I am grateful for everything I learned, and I attribute much of my success to playing under him at Vanderbilt."



### Khalil Greene

- Former Clemson infielder recruited by Corbin
- 2002 National Player of the Year
- Drafted by San Diego in 1st round of 2002 Draft (13th pick)
- Starting shortstop for the San Diego Padres

"Coach Corbin is one of the most dedicated people I've ever met. Whether its working out in the weight-room with the players or recruiting, once he decides to do something he goes full bore ahead."

"He helped me a lot with the hitting aspects of my game. He knows a lot of the intricacies of different players' swings. So anytime you go into a slump, he knows the little things to point out and says them in a way to motivate you and help you turn around your swing.

"I've enjoyed knowing him off the field and going to his house and hanging out. I consider him as much a friend as any of the player on my team. He's a great person."



### Eric Campbell

- Director of the USA Baseball National Team
- Former Head Coach at the Air Force Academy

"Tim was a part of a great National Team staff in 2000 led by Mike Gillespie. That team did not have a chance to play for a major world championship, but did win the prestigious Honk Ball Tournament in the Netherlands-headlined by a great Cuban team. Tim was the perfect choice to lead the National Team at the FISU event in Havana, Cuba. It was no surprise to me that Tim led the team to USA Baseball's first-ever championship of any kind in the nation of Cuba. His experience and his extreme understanding of the college game and the needs of the college player is second to none. The National Team topped off one of its greatest summers on record through Tim's leadership. A 55-day tour ending with a major championship in Cuba needs the hand, the voice and the expertise of a great leader. Tim is a great leader and his impact on the National Team program and its players will have a profound effect on USA Baseball leading into the Olympic Games in Beijing."



### Jack Leggett

- Head Coach at Clemson

"He's got a great recruiter's mentality, leaving no stone unturned. He has tremendous worth ethic and is the most organized person I have ever seen. He also possesses the ability to stay focused on the task at hand. When you combine those three things, you have an outstanding recruiter. He's also very knowledgeable about the game of baseball and did a great job working with our hitters and outfielders the past several years at Clemson."

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(1995, 1996, 2000, and 2002). The Tigers ended the 2002 season with their ninth consecutive top 25 finish and their sixth top 10 finish since 1994.

Corbin was promoted twice during his tenure. He received the title of assistant head coach in 1998 and in September 2001 became associate head coach and recruiting coordinator.

Along the way, he crafted a national reputation as one of the most respected assistant coaches in the country. His efforts helped produce nine straight recruiting classes that were ranked among the top 25 nationally. His on-field work with outfielders and hitters helped 20 Clemson players earn All-America honors and 36 to be drafted to play professional baseball.

Corbin's dedication and attention to detail caught the eye of the national baseball publication *Baseball America* on numerous occasions. In 1997, it touted the Clemson coaching staff as one of the top five "College Recruiting Staffs" in the country. It later tabbed the 1999 Tiger freshmen class as No. 1 nationally. In 2000, Baseball America and the American Baseball Coaches Association named Corbin its National Assistant Coach of the Year.

In 2000, Southern California head coach Mike Gillespie served as skipper of the USA Baseball team and chose Corbin as an assistant for his staff. That group guided the Americans to a gold-medal finish at the World Championships in the Netherlands, and that team set a national program record for best winning percentage (.900).

Prior to his tenure at Clemson, Corbin was head coach at Presbyterian College for six seasons beginning in 1988. There he restarted a baseball program that laid dormant for several years. He directed Presbyterian College from NAIA to NCAA Division II status and had a 106-138 overall record. Along the way, the Blue Hose made three consecutive appearances in the South Atlantic playoffs (1991-93), and Corbin earned South Atlantic Coach of the Year honors in 1990.

## Corbin's Players and Recruits Drafted by Major League Baseball

### 2006 Draft

Mike Minor, LHP	Tampa Bay	13th Round
Matt Buschmann, RHP	San Diego	15th Round
Brian Hernandez, C	San Diego	19th Round
Casey Weathers, RHP	Detroit	25th Round
Greg Moviell, LHP	Seattle	26th Round

### 2005 Draft

Jensen Lewis, RHP	Cleveland	Third Round
Ryan Mullins, LHP	Minnesota	Third Round
Mike Baxter, 1B	San Diego	Fourth Round
Jeff Sues, RHP	Pittsburgh	Fifth Round
Ryan Rote, RHP	Chicago	Fifth Round
Brett Jacobson, RHP	Arizona	11th Round
Pedro Alvarez, INF	Boston	14th Round
Warner Jones, INF	Detroit	17th Round
Tony Mansolino, INF	Pittsburgh	26th Round
Antoan Richardson, OF	San Francisco	35th Round
Bobby Kennedy, LHP	Philadelphia	39th Round
Kurt Lipton, OF	San Francisco	40th Round
Diallo Fon, OF	New York (AL)	49th Round

### 2004 Draft

Jeremy Sowers, LHP	Cleveland	First (6th Overall)
Cesar Nicolas, 1B/DH	Arizona	Fifth Round
Ryan Kosterman, SS	Toronto	Fifth Round
Antoan Richardson, OF	Arizona	13th Round
Jeff Sues, RHP	Cleveland	14th Round
Jonathan Douillard, C	Chicago (NL)	28th Round
Ryan Rote, RHP	New York (AL)	37th Round

### 2003 Draft

Robert Ransom, RHP	Chicago (NL)	23rd Round
Steven Jackson, RHP	Cleveland	32nd Round
Kyle Frank, OF	New York (AL)	Free Agent
Steve Pyzik, C	Atlanta	Free Agent
David Slevin, 2B	New York (AL)	Free Agent

### 2002 Draft

Khalil Greene, INF	San Diego	First (13th Overall)
Michael Johnson, INF	San Diego	Second (54th Overall)
Jeff Baker, INF	Colorado	Fourth Round
William Lamura, RHP	Chicago (AL)	Fifth Round
Matt Henrie, RHP	Arizona	Seventh Round
Stephen Reba, RHP	Colorado	21st Round
Jarrod Schmidt, RHP	Cincinnati	24th Round
Ryan Childs, RHP	Baltimore	33rd Round

### 2001 Draft

Josh Cram, RHP	San Francisco	Fourth Round
Patrick Boyd, OF	Texas	Seventh Round
Khalil Green, INF	Chicago (NL)	14th Round
Steve Reba, RHP	Oakland	16th Round
Nick Glaser, RHP	Philadelphia	35th Round
Ryan Riley, INF	Tampa Bay	Free Agent

### 2000 Draft

Patrick Boyd, OF	Texas	Fourth Round
Ryan Mottl, RHP	Cincinnati	Sixth Round
Scott Berney, RHP	Colorado	18th Round
Henri Stanley, OF	Houston	Free Agent
Mike Calitri, INF	Cincinnati	Free Agent
Justin Singleton, OF	Toronto	Free Agent

### 1999 Draft

Mike Paradis, RHP	Baltimore	First (13th Overall)
Chris Heck, LHP	retired	Fifth Round
Brian Adams, LHP	Boston	11th Round
Doug Roper, INF	retired	26th Round
Ryan Mottl, RHP	Texas	27th Round
Kurt Bultmann, INF	retired	34th Round

### 1998 Draft

Matt Padgett, OF	Florida	Fifth Round
Matt White, LHP	Cleveland	15th Round
Scott Clackum, RHP	retired	Free Agent

### 1997 Draft

Matthew LeCroy, C	Minnesota	First (50th Overall)
Gary Burnham, OF	Philadelphia	22nd Round

### 1996 Draft

Kris Benson, RHP	Pittsburgh	First (First Overall)
Billy Koch, RHP	Toronto	First (Fourth Overall)
David Shepard, RHP	Independent	Third Round
Ken Vining, LHP	Chicago (AL)	Fourth Round
Brian Matz, LHP	Montreal	Eighth Round
Paul Galloway, INF	retired	12th Round
Doug Livingston, INF	Independent	18th Round



# Assistant Coach Derek Johnson



**DEREK  
JOHNSON**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Sixth Season  
Eastern Illinois, 1994

Derek Johnson is now in his sixth season as an assistant coach for the Commodores and is widely considered one of the top pitching coaches in the country. Three of his last four three staffs have led the Southeastern Conference in ERA while also being ranked nationally at No. 15 (2003), No. 7 (2004) and No. 17 (2005) respectively.

Johnson's 2006 staff led the SEC in strikeouts with 574 in 65 games, an average of nearly nine a game. Also in 2006, nine of his pitchers combined to record a school record scoreless innings streak of 38.2 innings over a span of five games in March.

Under his tutelage, southpaw David Price earned All-American honors and set a new Vanderbilt single season strikeout mark with 155 in 110.1 innings.

Two pitchers, Matt Buschmann and Greg Moviell were drafted and signed off of last year's team giving Johnson a total of nine of his guys signed into the professional ranks in five years.

In his five years at Vanderbilt, the Commodores' team ERA has been cut nearly in half, from 6.45 in 2001, two seasons before he arrived, to a Southeastern Conference-leading 3.38 in 2005.

In 2004, the staff had a 3.34 ERA, second best in school history, while all four regular starters finished with ERAs below 3.50.

That standard of performance was maintained over 575.1 innings, the most in program history. Combined, the VU staff struck out a school-record 518 batters and had 17 saves led by Ryan Rote's school-record 11. Jeremy Sowers became the third Commodores' pitcher ever to win at least 10 games in a single season.

Johnson's efforts earned him the 2004 Collegiate Baseball's National College Pitching Coach of the Year sponsored by JC Video but were nothing out of the ordinary in what quickly has become a distinguished career, which has included stints in the collegiate and summer league ranks.

In 2003 Vanderbilt's Jensen Lewis earned Freshman All-America honors and extended to five the number of consecutive years a player under Johnson's guidance was so honored. In 2005, David Price joined this group becoming the sixth pitcher to earn the honor under Johnson. Sowers (2002) and Stetson's Jack Collins (2001), Andy Wilson (2000) and Lenny DiNardo (1999) all likewise were honored. That same year four Commodores' pitchers (Lewis, Nick Pilkington, John Scott and Matt Buschmann) combined to pitch the first perfect game in Vanderbilt history and only the eighth in SEC history, a 4-0 victory at Western Kentucky.

Sowers capped his career in 2004 when the Cleveland Indians made him the No. 6 overall selection in the Major League Baseball draft. At Stetson, DiNardo ultimately developed into a third-round choice of the New York Mets in 2001 and was a two-time All-American and a member of the USA Baseball national team. Johnson has had seven pitchers drafted into professional baseball in four seasons in Nashville.

Before he came to Vanderbilt, Johnson spent four years as pitching coach at Stetson. During that time his team's won one Atlantic Sun Conference championship (2000) and earned two NCAA Tournament berths (2000 and 2001).

He began coaching at Eastern Illinois in 1994, one year after he was an All-Mid Continent Conference pitcher at the school. In 1995 he was hired by Southern Illinois, where he worked for three years as a pitching coach. He also has had summer stints as manager of the Decatur Blues in the Central Illinois Collegiate League (1994 and 1995) and pitching coach for the Anchorage Glacier Pilots (1996).

A native of Normal, Ill., Johnson is married to the former Tasha Huster. The couple has a three-year old son, Teague and a daughter, Taite born October 24, 2006.

## The Derek Johnson File

### Personal:

Full Name: .....Derek Randall Johnson  
 Nickname: .....DJ  
 Birthdate: .....July 16, 1971, in Gibson City, Ill.  
 Hometown: .....Normal, Ill.  
 Family: .....Wife, Tasha; Son, Teague and Daughter, Taite

### Education:

College: .....Eastern Illinois  
 Year Graduated: .....1994  
 Degree: .....Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education  
 Indiana University, 1992  
 Lake Land Community College, 1990-91  
 High School: .....University High School, Normal, Ill (1989)

### Playing Experience:

1993 .....Eastern Illinois  
 Earned baseball All-Mid Continent Conference honors  
 1992 .....Indiana  
 One-year letterwinner in baseball  
 1990-91 .....Lake Land Community College  
 Won all-state honors

### Coaching Experience:

2002 - Present .....Vanderbilt Assistant Coach  
 1998-2001 .....Stetson Assistant Coach  
 1996 .....Anchorage Glacier Pilots Assistant Coach  
 1995-97 .....Southern Illinois Assistant Coach  
 1994-95 .....Decatur Blues Head Coach  
 1994 .....Eastern Illinois Assistant Coach

# Assistant Coach Erik Bakich



**ERIK  
BAKICH**  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Fifth Season  
East Carolina, 2000

Erik Bakich, one of collegiate baseball's top recruiters, is in his fifth season as an assistant coach for the Commodores.

Through his tireless efforts as Vanderbilt's recruiting coordinator, the Commodores had the No. 1 recruiting class in the country in 2005 according to Baseball America. VU had the most freshman ranked in the top 100 of any school in the country and had five student-athletes named Player of the Year in their state.

The most recent recruiting class focused on Tennessee and the Commodores signed what some experts believe were the top six high school players in the state. The class was ranked No. 25 by *Baseball America*.

Since arriving in Nashville, all of his recruiting classes have been ranked in the Top 25.

In 2004-05, the freshman class consisted of nine players who were ranked 19th nationally.

His first recruiting class (2003) was ranked 24th in the nation by Collegiate Baseball.

In addition to spearheading the recruiting efforts, Bakich also is Vanderbilt's primary outfield coach and assists in hitting. In 2004 the Commodores generated the single largest jump in team batting average in team history when the players hit a combined .304 after having a collective .258 average the season before. Warner Jones became the first player in school history with at least 100 hits in a season and just the seventh to hit .400 for a season.

"Erik is without question one of the very best at what he does and it is one of the main reasons we are able to coach such good players," head coach Tim Corbin said.

Bakich began his coaching career in 2002 as a volunteer assistant at Clemson, where he contributed as a hitting coach and worked with both infielders and outfielders. That year the Tigers advanced to the College World Series.

Prior to that he worked one year as an assistant strength and conditioning coach at East Carolina, where as a player he was a central figure on a team that won Colonial Athletic Association championships in 1999 and 2000. He earned 1999 All-Regional honors for his performance at LSU. He had a .315 career batting average with 14 home runs and 85 RBI at East Carolina after two years at San Jose City College in California (1997-98), where he lettered as a third baseman and earned All-Conference and All-Northern California honors as a sophomore when he batted .452.

Bakich graduated from East Carolina in 2000 with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. He has been a certified personal trainer for six years and in 2001 was fitness director for Sports Connection, a performance enhancing company specializing in baseball-specific training for young athletes.

He has been a consultant for other strength training and conditioning programs for high school, college and minor league players, and has made numerous speaking appearances at clinics across the country.

Bakich signed a professional contract with the Springfield Capitals of the Frontier League in the Independent Professional Baseball League in 2000 and played professionally into 2001.

He married the former Katherine Toulomelis on Dec. 10, 2005.



## The Erik Bakich File

### Personal:

Full Name: ..... Erik Michael Bakich  
Birthdate: ..... November 27, 1977, in San Jose, Calif.  
Hometown: ..... San Jose, Calif.  
Family: ..... Wife, Katherine

### Education:

College: ..... East Carolina  
Year Graduated: ..... 2000  
Degree: ..... Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Science  
San Jose City College ..... 1997-98  
High School: ..... Bellarmine Prep, San Jose, Calif. (1996)

### Playing Experience:

2000 ..... Springfield Capitals  
Signed a professional contract with the Capitals of the Frontier League in the Independent Professional Baseball League  
1999-2000 ..... East Carolina  
Two-year letterwinner at third base...Named to the NCAA All-Regional Team as a junior and earned All-CAA Conference honors as a senior  
1997-98 ..... San Jose City College  
Two-year letterwinner at third base...Earned All-Conference and All-Northern California honors as a sophomore

### Coaching Experience:

2003 - present ..... Vanderbilt Assistant Coach  
2002 ..... Clemson Volunteer Assistant Coach  
2001 ..... East Carolina Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach

# Commodore Staff



**BLAKE  
ALLEN**  
VOLUNTEER  
ASSISTANT COACH  
Third Season  
Blackburn, 2001

Blake Allen is a third-year volunteer assistant for the Commodores. He works primarily with the catchers and hitters but also assists John Sisk with the team's strength and conditioning program.

Allen began his collegiate playing career at DePauw and finished at Blackburn College, where he earned his degree in 2001. At Blackburn he was an all-conference and record-setting performer in both football and baseball.

He joined Vanderbilt after one year as baseball recruiting coordinator and linebackers/special teams coach for football at Franklin College. While there he worked with the catchers and hitters and also was involved with the strength and conditioning program as the baseball team set a record for home runs in a season and finished with its second-highest victory total ever.

Prior to that he was a graduate assistant for both football and baseball for two years at DePauw.

Allen earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Blackburn College in 2001 and a Masters Degree in Kinesiology from Indiana State University in 2003.

## The Blake Allen File

### Personal:

Full Name: .....Blake Christopher Allen  
Birthdate: .....May 2, 1977  
Hometown: .....St. Louis, Missouri

### Education:

College: .....Blackburn  
Year Graduated: .....2001  
Degree: .....Bachelor of Arts in Physical Education  
High School: .....Chaminade High School, St. Louis, Missouri (1995)

### Playing Experience:

1998-99 .....Blackburn  
All-Conference honors in football and baseball  
1996-97 .....DePauw  
1992-95 .....Chaminade High School  
Lettered in football, basketball and baseball

### Coaching Experience:

2004- present .....Vanderbilt Volunteer Assistant Coach  
2003-04 .....Franklin College Assistant Baseball and Football Coach  
2001-03 .....DePauw Graduate Assistant (Baseball and Football)  
2000-01 .....Blackburn Assistant Football Coach



**SHANNON  
GORDON**  
ATHLETIC TRAINER  
ATC  
First Season  
Indiana State, 1992

Shannon Gordon is in his first season as the athletic trainer for the Commodore baseball team.

Gordon comes to Nashville after working the past seven years as athletic trainer at Ohio University. He worked closely with the men's basketball team as well as the football and women's soccer squads.

This is his second stint in Nashville as he served as outreach coordinator for high school athletic training programs through Columbia Sports Medicine from 1994-99. He also worked with the Nashville Kats from 1997-99.

Gordon has a bachelor's degree in physical education with an emphasis on athletic training from Indiana State in 1992. He earned his master's degree in kinesiology/athletic training from Indiana and is currently pursuing his PhD.

He is married to the former Kara Durham.



# Commodore Staff



**MIKE  
CALITRI**  
DIRECTOR OF  
BASEBALL  
OPERATIONS  
Second Season  
Clemson, 2004

Mike Calitri is in his second season as the director of baseball operations at Vanderbilt.

Calitri played for four seasons at Clemson from 1997-2000, while Corbin was an assistant coach there.

Calitri helped lead the Tigers to the 2000 College World Series, then signed a professional contract with Cincinnati. The Boston, Mass., native played for three years in the Reds organization from 2000-02 and was a member of the Stockton Ports that won the California League championship in 2002.

He played in the Boston organization in 2003, before going back to Clemson to complete his degree requirements in the fall of 2004. He earned a bachelor's degree and worked in private business prior to his hiring at Vanderbilt.

Calitri married the former Ciari Egan on July 22, 2006.



**JOHN  
SISK**  
DIRECTOR OF  
SPEED, STRENGTH  
AND  
CONDITIONING  
Western Carolina,  
1993

John Sisk is in his fifth year at Vanderbilt as the Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning. He has been working primarily with the football team and is now overseeing the baseball squad as well. His influence on the program and its student-athletes is having a positive impact.

Sisk joined Vanderbilt after working at Clemson where he was responsible for the conditioning of skilled-position athletes in football as the baseball program. He worked with Tim Corbin, who was an assistant there at the time. Among his Clemson pupils were current NFL players Woodrow Dantzler, Rod Gardner and David Patten, and San Diego Padres' shortstop Khalil Greene.

A native of Waynesville, N.C., Sisk played football at Western Carolina and graduated with a bachelor's degree in sports administration. After spending three years as a football and strength assistant at Tuscola High School, he joined Furman in 1993. Two years later, he was named to guide the Western Carolina strength and conditioning program. He joined Clemson in 1997.



**GABE  
TEEPLE**  
ASSISTANT  
STRENGTH COACH  
First Season  
Tennessee Tech, 1999

Gabe Teeple is the newest member of the Vanderbilt strength and conditioning staff, having joined John Sisk's team this May.

Teeple, 30, previously served two years as an assistant strength coach at the University of Wyoming where he implemented workouts for several varsity sports, including football, wrestling, and track and field.

While working toward a postgraduate degree at Virginia Tech, Teeple contributed to the conditioning programs for the Hokie football, men's basketball and baseball among other varsity sports. He earned a Master's in Health Promotion from Virginia Tech in 2004.

Teeple, a native of Sparta, Tenn., graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1999, where he was a starting center and three-year letterwinner.



Coach Corbin with Khalil Greene and John Sisk.

## The John Sisk File

### Personal:

Hometown: .....Waynesville, N.C.

### Education:

College: .....Western Carolina

Year Graduated: .....1993

Degree: .....Bachelor of Arts in Sports Administration

### Coaching Experience:

2002- present .....Vanderbilt, Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning

2001 .....Clemson, Assistant Strength Director

1997-2000 .....Clemson, Assistant Strength Coach

1995-96 .....Western Carolina, Head Strength Coach

1993-94 .....Furman, Assistant Strength Coach

# Support Staff



Conrad Bradburn  
Marketing



Alison Bush  
CHAMPS/Life Skills



John Butler  
Ticket Office



Meggie Butzow  
Facilities



Miles Cotham  
PA Announcer



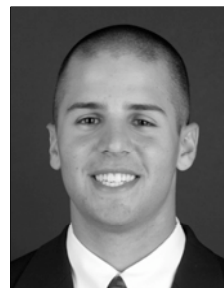
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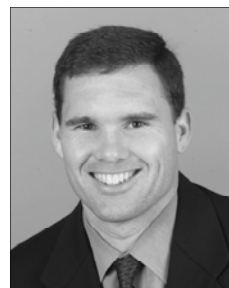
Katie Feyes  
Academic Counselor



Joe Fisher  
Radio Announcer



Steven Goldberg  
Student Manager



Stacy Hall  
ISP



Jens Herman  
Baseball Ops



"Magic" Noori  
Food Coach



Stephen Parks  
Video Coordinator



Ryan Roberts  
Student Manager



David Sparks  
Equipment Manager



Jeannie Stotts  
Caldwell Travel



John Thorpe  
Facilities



Lisa Teasley  
Business Manager

# Bullpen Club/Champions' Circle



## Vanderbilt Baseball Bullpen Club & Champions' Circle

The Bullpen Club/ Champions Circle is a group of fans that support the Commodore Baseball Team throughout the year.

Memberships begin at \$35.

For more information,  
visit [vucommodores.com](http://vucommodores.com).

### Letter from the Coach

Thank you for attending the 2007 Road to Omaha reception. It brings me a great deal of pleasure to be part of a group of people that want and care about our Vanderbilt baseball program. Your support is instrumental for us to acquire new facilities that will enable our kids to better themselves, and subsequently help reach our goals of getting Vanderbilt to Omaha for the very first time. I am proud to be a member of Vanderbilt baseball and its Champions' Circle.

*Tim Calk*



### Vanderbilt Baseball Champions' Circle

#### Bullpen Club Key Performance Indicators

	2004	2005	2006
Total Funds Raised	\$8,350	\$24,835	\$51,000
Total Bullpen Club Members	47	116	189
\$1,000+ Donors	0	3	39
Avg. Game Attendance	877	1,489	1,500



### Vanderbilt Baseball Champions' Circle 2007 Use of Proceeds

Team Travel Expenses	Allows the entire team to travel to Houston, Texas for the Minute Maid College Classic
Indoor Pitching Facility	A state of the art indoor pitching facility housed with Dartfish video and audio equipment
Weight Room	Vanderbilt Baseball's exclusive weight room designed specifically for baseball workouts
Interior Graphics Design	The graphics package that will complete the interior design of the brand new baseball field house
Vanderbilt Hall of Fame	To help defray the cost of the graphics and design within the new baseball field house lobby

## 2006 Champions' Circle Members

Hank Abbott  
Bob Anderson  
George Armistead  
Jim Armistead  
Lee Barfield  
Leslie & Paul Benny  
Mike Blackburn  
Mark Bode  
Bob Calton  
Chris Calton  
Monroe Carell  
Oakley Christian  
Lew Conner  
Tim & Maggie Corbin  
Willy Daunic  
Chase Dean  
Ken Diehl  
Jim Fleming  
Chip Fridrich  
Kevin Geshke  
Steve Greene  
John Griffin  
Robert & Cay Harris  
Jim Harwell  
Bill Hawkins  
Lee Ann Hawkins  
Mary Hawkins  
Jim Hitt  
John Ingram  
Kelly Klippenstein  
Steve Lane  
Michael & Marianne Lewis  
Jensen Lewis  
Fred Lummis  
Scotti Madison  
Bill McMinn  
Jimmy Miller, Jr.  
Jimmy Miller, Sr.  
Scott Newell  
Lee Noel  
Leroy Norton  
Jack Nuismer  
Tony & Brenda Pack  
George Plaster  
Tom Powell

Stephen & Emily Prather  
Elaine Prather  
Robert Prather  
Robert Ransom  
Brian & Leigh Reames  
Ronnie Scott  
Wes Shofner  
Lee Smith  
Robert Smith  
Jeremy Sowers  
Larry & Marnette Stone  
John Thorpe  
William Turner, Jr.  
Tom Watson  
James Webb, III  
Ed Whitley  
Turner Williams  
Matt & Rebekah Woodard  
Frank Wylie



# Administration



E. Gordon Gee  
Chancellor

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"Vanderbilt athletics - given what is happening in the inter-collegiate world - will set the standard of excellence on and off the field. That is exactly our intent."

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While Vanderbilt University Chancellor Gordon Gee is regarded as one of the nation's top leaders in the field of higher education, many in the Commodore community have come to recognize the enthusiastic chief executive as an unabashed fan of all Vanderbilt athletic endeavors.

Gee, who arrived on campus in 2000, rarely misses a Commodore athletic event, whether it's the excitement of Homecoming in Vanderbilt Stadium or a game in the VU Soccer Complex.

Gee also is a national leader in the area of academic reforms on American college campuses, frequently urging for higher academic standards at the Southeastern Conference and national collegiate levels.

In September of 2003, Gee acted on his belief that student-athletes should play a vital role in the university community. Editorials praised Gee after he restructured the Commodore athletics program into the Vanderbilt Division of Student Life and University Affairs. While aimed at helping to integrate student-athletes into the daily life around campus, Gee made it clear that Commodore athletics would compete at the highest level.

"Vanderbilt is committed to competing at the highest levels in the Conference and the NCAA, but we intend on competing consistent with the value of a world-class university," Gee said.

Gee's tenure is distinguished by his commitment that Vanderbilt further advance its mission of creating a culture of simplicity, clarity, agility and accountability. Strategic investments driven by Gee are intended to strengthen the character of Vanderbilt, and propel the university higher among the ranks of the world's finest institutions of higher education.

Gee places special emphasis on improving student life and increasing Vanderbilt's commitment to and participation within the community, specifically through the development and enhancement of world-class scholarship, teaching, public service and patient care.

Gee previously served as president of Brown University, The Ohio State University, the University of Colorado and West Virginia University.

The father of Rebekah, he is married to Constance Bumgarner Gee, an Associate Professor of Public Policy and Education at Peabody College.



David Williams, II  
Vice-Chancellor

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"Winning will become an expectation at Vanderbilt and we will continue to provide a well-rounded education for our student-athletes from one of the premier universities in the nation."

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Vice Chancellor David Williams II is a key administrator in the Commodore athletic program and one of the most influential leaders on the Vanderbilt campus. In addition to serving as Vice Chancellor of University Affairs and Student Life, Williams is General Counsel and Secretary of Vanderbilt and the nationally recognized Vanderbilt University Medical Center.

As part of the restructuring announced in September 2003 by Chancellor Gordon Gee, Williams oversees the efforts to bring the university's athletic program together with the Division of Student Life and University Affairs.

In addition to overseeing athletics and student life, he directs the eleven-member General Counsel Office, the Office of Risk Management, the University's Compliance and Conflict of Interest functions and the operations of the University's Board of Trust.

Williams also is a tenured full professor at the Vanderbilt School of Law, teaching Tax Law, Sports Law and Education Law. He also teaches an annual course on Law and Higher Education at Peabody and will conduct a Freshman Seminar on Law and the Legal System this fall.

Williams was named Vice Chancellor, General Counsel and Secretary of Vanderbilt in August 2000. He joined the university after serving in numerous administrative roles at Ohio State University over a 14-year period.

A native of Detroit, Mich., Williams received a Bachelor of Science in Social Science and Master of Arts in Education from Northern Michigan University. He also earned a Master of Business Administration and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Detroit, and a LL.M. in taxation from New York University.

Williams is active in the Nashville area community, serving as an executive member and director with several organizations.

Williams also supports youth athletic programs in the local community. He coaches youth basketball for the West Nashville Sports League and is a timer for the Nashville Aquatic Club.

A resident of Nashville, Williams and his wife, Gail, have two school aged children, Samantha and Nicholas. His wife also serves the university as Assistant Director of Community Affairs.

Vice-Chancellor Williams, Chancellor Gee, Coach Corbin and Monroe Carroll, Jr., visit during a rain delay at the NCAA Regional in Charlottesville, Va. in 2004.



# Administration



**Kevin Colon**  
Director of Sports Operation  
Baseball

Kevin Colon, a nine-year veteran of Vanderbilt athletics, oversees the Commodore baseball program.

As one of four directors of sport operations, Colon also oversees the women's track and field teams, the men's and women's cross country teams, the men's soccer team and the strength and conditioning department.

Colon came to Vanderbilt in 1998, organizing and directing CHAMPS/Life Skills, the community outreach arm of Commodore athletics.

As CHAMPS/Life Skills director, Colon guided Vanderbilt student-athletes into an expanded role in giving back to local schools, hospitals, non-profit organizations and other efforts aimed at disadvantaged residents of Nashville and Middle Tennessee. The program also emphasized a commitment to academic excellence, personal development, leadership and career development for participating student-athletes.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Colon served two years as Assistant Director for Student Services at Kansas State University. He has also served as an academic advisor for the Syracuse University football team. Colon earned an undergraduate degree from Iowa State University and master's degree from the University of Toledo.

Colon is a father of a son, DuBois, 8.



Steve Caldwell  
Associate Vice-Chancellor  
Student Life



Lori Alexander  
Director of Sports  
Operation



Mona Hicks  
Assistant Vice-Chancellor  
Student Activities



Patricia Marrett  
Associate Vice-Chancellor  
Student Life/Finance



Eric Nichols  
Director of Marketing



Brian Reese  
Director of Sports  
Operation



Diane Scott  
Executive Assistant



Candice Storey  
Director of Compliance



Jeff Ulmer  
Executive Director  
National Commodore Club



Brock Williams  
Assistant Vice-Chancellor  
Director of Sports  
Operation



Elizabeth Wright  
Director of Academic  
Support



Nick Zeppos  
Provost; Faculty Rep;  
Vice-Chancellor for  
Academic Affairs