



BOBBY JOHNSON

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As the 2009 season approaches, Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson can look back and know that many of the goals he set for himself and the Commodore program when he arrived on campus in January 2001 have come to fruition.

With the help of a stable and experienced coaching staff that has only seen three personnel changes in seven years, Johnson has produced a winner at Vanderbilt, giving followers of the program a postseason celebration for the first time in decades.

Since capturing a thrilling Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl victory, numerous accolades have come to Johnson. A share of SEC Coach of the Year honors was followed by inclusion into the American Football Coaches Association board of directors. Just 10 days before the start of spring drills, local officials named Johnson as Nashville's 2008 Sports Person of the Year.

Quite simply, Johnson has accomplished a task many observers

thought would be extremely tough: respect has been restored to the Vanderbilt football program.

Johnson understands what the 5-0 start, a four-week run in the national rankings, a record seven national TV appearances, playing host to ESPN's *College Football GameDay*, and a thrilling Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl victory means to the program.

"We're beginning to see the results of the hard work everybody has put in as we build this program the right way, building on a foundation intended to continue for years to come," Johnson said. "I expect to see more of the things we witnessed this season in future years."

Vanderbilt fans, too, are buying into Johnson's improving Commodores. In 2008, season ticket sales were the highest in more than a decade.

From his first day as the Vanderbilt coach, Johnson has stressed that a successful Commodore program would be built upon the same principals he had followed as the successful mentor at Furman University – that players excel not only at the fundamentals of the game but in the character, integrity, effort and passion they exhibit both on and off the field.

Off the field, university administrators are strong believers in Johnson's success. The university has supported a series of facility upgrades, including stadium enhancements, and given Johnson enough stability to coach an eighth straight year in 2009, the first such achievement by a Commodore football coach in nearly 50 years.

The 2008 achievements by Johnson and his squad should come as no surprise to those who have followed the program. The last four Commodore squads have been the program's most competitive in nearly 25 years, and have made Johnson the university's fifth winningest coach in team history. Those teams have garnered 21

JOHNSON AT VANDERBILT

WINS:

Ranks fifth on all-time coaching wins lists

RECOGNITION:

Shared 2008 SEC Coach of the Year honors from league head coaches

IMPORTANT VICTORIES:

- Defeated three Top 25 teams in 2008
- Earned road wins on six SEC campuses

ACHIEVEMENTS:

Guided Commodores to first postseason bowl appearance in 26 years

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT:

Had first round draft picks in NFL in 2006 (QB Jay Cutler) & 2008 (OT Chris Williams)



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victories, including the 2009 Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl title and an impressive string of road wins against SEC foes Tennessee, Georgia, Ole Miss, Arkansas, Kentucky and South Carolina.

Off the field, Johnson's Commodores perform like national champs. In January, he accepted the AFCA's Academic Achievement Awards saluting Vanderbilt as the nation's best in regard to graduating its football athletes. The squad also set a new Southeastern Conference mark with 39 football players earning All-SEC Academic Honor Roll in 2008-09.

Johnson came to Nashville from Furman fully expecting to turn the Commodores into a perennial winner that competes for titles – and he hasn't wavered at all from that intent.

As Johnson continues to reshape the program, his impact on the 2009 squad will be more pronounced than ever before. Johnson believes the team he welcomes in August is also well positioned to compete effectively and consistently in what most observers believe is America's premier conference. And compete they will.

Johnson's plan for ultimate success places as much emphasis on coaches and efforts in recruiting as it did players and conditioning – everyone had to get better.

The Commodore coaching staff, from its coordinators to the strength assistants, almost mirrors the group Johnson selected in his first months

on campus. When the rare coaching vacancies during Johnson's tenure became available, he acted quickly to attract highly qualified replacements. In the last two years, he has expanded the roles of four current coaches. With his hand-picked conditioning director John Sisk in place, Johnson has witnessed a revival of the Commodores' conditioning effort.

Commodore student-athletes lift weights and practice in modern facilities that did not exist prior to Johnson's arrival on campus. The head coach has even enhanced the way players and coaches study game film by installing the latest in video and computer technologies. The second phase of major improvements to Vanderbilt Stadium will welcome players and fans this season, and more more upgrades are planned.

College football observers and pro scouts have taken notice of Johnson's efforts to upgrade talent on the Commodore roster. Former quarterback Jay Cutler earned Pro Bowl honors last year and has Chicago Bears fans beaming with excitement for the upcoming year. Cutler is one of 14 former Commodores on NFL teams, believed to be the most in program history. Johnson became the first Vanderbilt coach in 48 years to have two players selected in the opening round in a three-year span when 2007 offensive tackle Chris Williams joined Cutler as a first rounder.



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THE JOHNSON TENURE: By the Numbers

1 Team's national ranking last year in players' graduation success rates

2 Players selected in 1st Round of NFL Draft since 2006 (Jay Cutler, Chris Williams)

3 Career record holders coached at school: (Jay Cutler, Earl Bennett, Bryant Hahnfeldt)

4 SEC road victories in front of crowds of 68,000 or more

5 Number of wins vs. teams ranked in national Top 25 polls since 2005

21 Number of Commodore victories since 2004 (most in 4-year span since 1972-74)

26 Span of years between 7-6 winning record in 2008 and previous winning year

178 Players earning Academic All-SEC recognition since 2001



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Coach Johnson and his wife, Catherine, on the Vanderbilt campus.

Others besides Cutler and Williams have enjoyed success as a Commodore. Receiver Earl Bennett became the SEC's all-time leading receiver, finishing his career with 236 receptions. Three top defenders – linebackers Moses Osemwegie and Jonathan Goff and cornerback D.J. Moore – have received consecutive first team All-SEC recognition.

Under Johnson, 25 Commodores have earned All-SEC recognition. Johnson has mentored 17 freshmen All-SEC selections, including Kwane Doster, Vanderbilt's first SEC Freshman of the Year in 2002.

Off the football field, the engaging South Carolina native is as comfortable encouraging Radiothon callers to open their wallets in support of the Charles Davis Foundation as he is talking to young Commodore followers at Dore Jam fan activities.

A native of Columbia, Johnson was a three-sport standout at Eau Claire High School. He continued playing at Clemson, where he lettered as both a receiver and defensive back, and graduated in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in management. In 1979, he was awarded a master's degree in education from Furman.

He is married to the former Catherine Bonner of Charleston, S.C.



During an offseason charity golf event, Johnson joins pro-am foursome of Vince Gill, Al Del Greco, Lee Trevino and Jeff Fisher.

THE JOHNSON FILE

YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 8th

YEARS AT HEAD COACH: 16th

HOMETOWN: Columbia, S.C.

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.)

LETTERS EARNED: 3, 1966-68

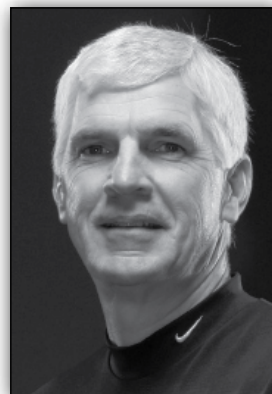
POSITIONS: Tight End/Def. End

ALMA MATER: Clemson, 1973

LETTERS EARNED: 1970-72

POSITIONS: Receiver/Def. Back

HONORS: ACC All-Academic



YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD
2008	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	7-6

SEC Co-Coach of the Year recipient

2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-7
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	4-8
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	5-6
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-9
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	2-10

Record as Vanderbilt Head Coach 27-56

2001	Furman	Head Coach	12-3
2000	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1999	Furman	Head Coach	9-3
1998	Furman	Head Coach	5-6
1997	Furman	Head Coach	7-4
1996	Furman	Head Coach	9-4
1995	Furman	Head Coach	6-5
1994	Furman	Head Coach	3-8

Record as Furman Head Coach 60-36

All-time record as Head Coach..... 87-92

1993	Clemson	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1992	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	6-5
1991	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1990	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	9-4
1989	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	12-2
1988	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	13-2
1987	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-4
1986	Furman	Asst. Head Coach, Def. Coordinator	7-3-2
1985	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	12-2
1984	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	8-3
1983	Furman	Defensive Coordinator	10-2-1
1982	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	9-3
1981	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1980	Clemson	Athletic Academic Counselor	
1979	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	5-6
1978	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	8-3
1977	Furman	Defensive Backs Coach	4-5-2
1976	Furman	Defensive Ends Coach	6-4-1

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VANDERBILT STAFF: A CLOSE-KNIT UNIT

Bobby Johnson's staff of assistant coaches is a close-knit group with personal and professional relationships dating back three decades.

As Johnson enters his eighth year at Vanderbilt, he believes the ability to keep intact most of the staff is key to transforming the Commodore football squad into a perennial contender.

"Having the same group of hard-working men in place, all with a common purpose, is definitely a strength for our program," Johnson said.

Many of the Commodore coaches have had a relationship with Johnson since he entered the coaching ranks more than three decades ago. In 1976, when Johnson accepted the role of coaching defensive ends at Furman, **Robbie Caldwell** – the current Vanderbilt assistant head coach/offensive line coach – was working as a first-year graduate assistant at Furman. The next year, **Ted Cain** joined the Furman staff, **Bruce Fowler** became a Paladin freshman walk-on and **Jimmy Kiser** was a contributing Furman receiver. Today, Cain, Fowler and Kiser are coaching with Johnson, serving as offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, respectively.

In the mid-1990s, current Commodore receivers coach **Charlie Fisher** was at North Carolina State along with Caldwell and Kiser. **Ricky Logo** was an outstanding defensive tackle for the Wolfpack, eventually playing a year in the NFL.

As Wolfpack coaches, Cain, Caldwell and Kiser had difficulties accounting for **Warren Belin**, an energetic Wake Forest linebacker, in the late 1980s.

After 14 years at N.C. State, Caldwell moved down Tobacco Road to Chapel Hill to become North Carolina's offensive line coach. In 2001, Caldwell became impressed with the abilities of a Tar Heel defensive graduate assistant, **Jamie Bryant**.

As Johnson marched Furman toward a national championship appearance in his final years on campus, one of his top receivers and return specialists was **Desmond Kitchings**, the newest addition to Johnson's Commodore staff.



WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT BOBBY JOHNSON

"Coach Johnson is the kind of coach guys want to play for. He demands a lot, but he's there for you at the same time. He's building the kind of program all Commodore fans can be proud of."

JAY CUTLER

*Chicago Bears quarterback, '09 Pro Bowler;
Vanderbilt career passing leader*

"Bobby Johnson has inspired belief at Vanderbilt. His teams play hard and play smart. He gets the maximum out of each guy."

CHRIS FOWLER

*ESPN commentator and broadcaster;
Anchor, ESPN College Gameday*

"In Bobby Johnson, Vanderbilt has the entire package: A great coach with unquestioned integrity and a man who has spent his career proving that strong academics and strong football can co-exist. Other coaches in the SEC tell me that nobody prepares his team—week in and week out—better than Bobby Johnson. And they are right."

TONY BARNHART

CBS Sports

"Coach Johnson emphasized doing the small things correctly. Then, when you see a coach that practices what he preaches, it's easy for players to buy into his system."

HUNTER HILLENMEYER

*Vanderbilt National Scholar Athlete;
Chicago Bears linebacker*

"The guy can coach. Johnson is getting better players into the program, and his teams are tough, disciplined and always prepared... He is as real as it gets."

CHRIS LOW

SEC beat blogger, ESPN.com

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WARREN BELIN

Linebackers; Recruiting Coordinator

Warren Belin enters his eighth season coaching linebackers at Vanderbilt. The 19-year veteran also is in his second year as recruiting coordinator after having worked as special teams coordinator in 2006-07.

In each of Belin's years at Vanderbilt, he has worked with stellar linebackers. In 2008, junior Patrick Benoist earned second team All-SEC honors while Chris Marve became an All-SEC freshman pick selection. Both were among the SEC's top tacklers.

In 2006-07, Belin worked with All-SEC pick Jonathan Goff and versatile Marcus Buggs. Both are now in their second year in the NFL: Goff with the New York Giants and Buggs with the Buffalo Bills.

In 2004-05, Moses Osemwegie was a first team All-SEC player. In 2002, Hunter Hillenmeyer earned the National Student Athlete Award after leading the league in tackles and garnering All-SEC honors.

Belin served in a similar role at Southern Methodist before coming to Vanderbilt. In five years at SMU, at least one of Belin's linebackers were named All-Western Athletic Conference each year of his service. Vic Vilorio was named first team All-WAC as a junior. Another SMU pupil, Jason Simonton, was a two-time All-WAC selection. A third player, Chris Bordano, was WAC Western Division Defensive Player of the Year in 1997.

Prior to joining the SMU staff, Belin worked as an assistant coach at William & Mary, Cornell and East Tennessee State.

A native of Marshville, N.C., Belin was a three-year starter and four-year letterman at Wake Forest from 1987-90. He earned a B.S. in Health and Sports Science from Wake Forest, graduating cum laude. He was named to the ACC All-Academic Team in 1990, and was a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll recipient.

Belin is married to the former Yolanda Taylor. They are the parents of three daughters: Camryn, 7; and 4-year-old twins Morgan and MacKenzi.



*The Belin family:
Warren,
Yolanda and
daughters
Camryn,
Morgan and
MacKenzi.*

THE BELIN FILE

HOMETOWN: Marshville, North Carolina

EDUCATION: B.S., Health & Sports Science, Wake Forest, 1990

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Linebackers at SMU, 1997-2001

Linebackers at William & Mary, 1996

Defensive Line at William & Mary, 1995

Linebackers at Cornell, 1991, 1993-94

Linebackers at East Tennessee State, 1992

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 2 **CONFERENCE TITLES:** 1

NFL DRAFTEES: 3

ALL-AMERICANS: 1



ASSISTANT COACHES

JAMIE BRYANT

Defensive Coordinator; Secondary

Jamie Bryant was promoted to defensive coordinator after the Commodores' Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl victory. In his eighth year with the team, Bryant mentors the secondary. He has also served as special teams coordinator.

Bryant's 2008 unit, anchored by All-America D.J. Moore at cornerback and co-captain Reshard Langford at safety, ranked among the SEC and NCAA leaders in pass defense and interceptions.

Moore, who contributed six interceptions, was named first team All-America by Rivals.com, the first Commodore defensive back so honored in 24 years. Moore was later drafted in the fourth round by Chicago.

Remarkably, four different players in the secondary – Moore, Langford, cornerback Myron Lewis and safety Ryan Hamilton – posted four interceptions or more. It marks the first time in modern team history to accomplish the feat.

Both Moore and Hamilton earned National Defensive Player of the Week honors during the season.

Bryant, 39, assisted at North Carolina alongside current Vanderbilt associate head coach Robbie Caldwell in 2001 before joining the Commodore staff. The Tar Heels finished that year strong, using an aggressive defense to win seven of their final nine regular season games, including impressive routs of ACC foes Florida State and Clemson, then shut down Auburn in the Peach Bowl.

Prior to joining UNC, Bryant's efforts as defensive coordinator and secondary coach improved a struggling defense at I-AA St. Francis (Pa.) University in 2000.

Bryant entered the collegiate coaching ranks in 1997 as outside linebackers coach at Clarion. His duties at Clarion evolved to secondary coach and special teams coordinator for his final two seasons.

A native of Fredericktown, Ohio, Bryant was a three-year letterwinner at Ohio Wesleyan. He earned a B.S. in Economics Management.

Bryant and his wife, Elisa, are the parents of two young sons, Luke and Jake.



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THE BRYANT FILE

HOMETOWN: Fredericktown, Ohio

EDUCATION: B.S., Economics Management, Ohio Wesleyan, 1993

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Graduate Assistant (Defense) at North Carolina, 2001

Defensive Coordinator at St. Francis, 2000

Secondary/Special Teams at Clarion, 1998-99

Linebackers at Clarion, 1997

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 2

NFL DRAFTEES: 3

ALL-AMERICANS: 2



The Bryant family: Jamie, Elisa and young sons, Luke and Jake.



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TED CAIN

Offensive Coordinator; Tight Ends

Ted Cain has more than three decades of collegiate coaching experience, and served a two-year stint as the head coach at Virginia Military Institute. He became Bobby Johnson's first assistant at Vanderbilt in December 2001.

Cain has served as offensive coordinator through his Vanderbilt tenure. He also works with tight ends.

Brandon Barden and Austin Monahan provide Cain a solid nucleus at tight end for the next three years. After replacing an injured Monahan in the fourth game last year, Barden went on to catch 28 passes, tops among all freshmen tight ends in the nation.

Cain's tenure at Vanderbilt has produced some of the most potent offenses in Commodore history. The 2005 offense, directed by SEC Offensive Player of the Year Jay Cutler, produced more points and first downs than any Commodore offense in the last three decades.

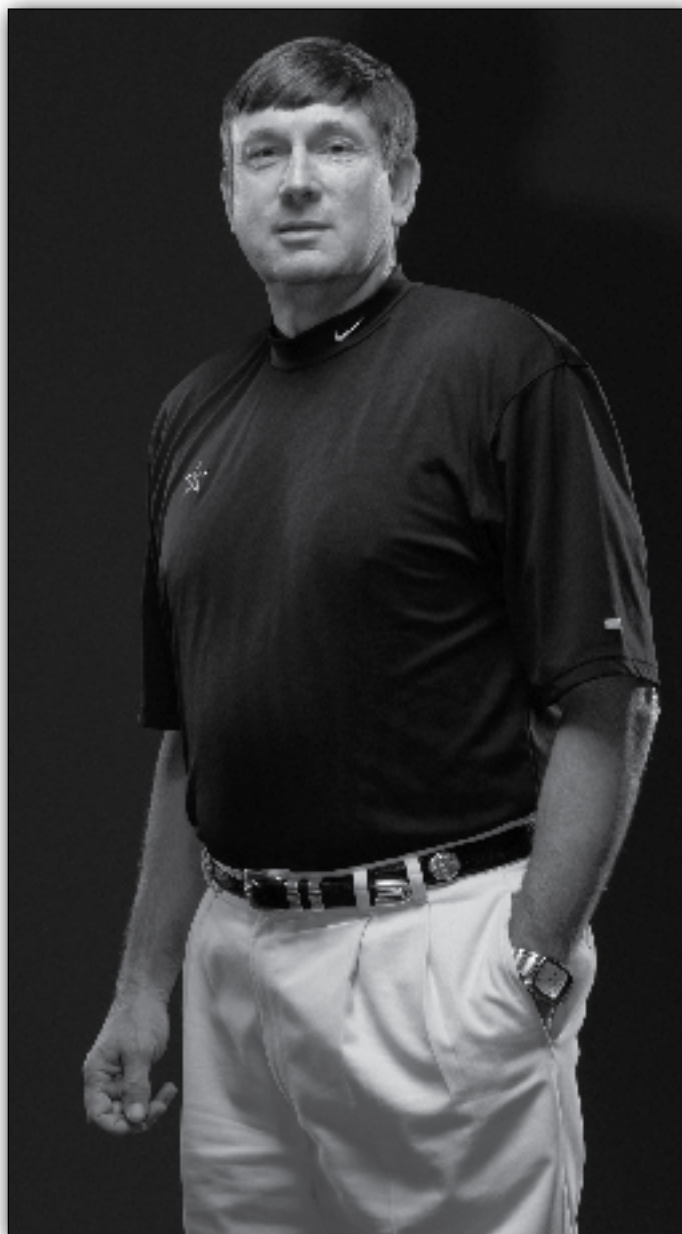
Cain's coaching resume includes a two-year stint as head coach at Virginia Military Institute, a successful tenure as offensive coordinator at North Carolina State and many years of coaching service at Furman.

Cain, 57, was a three-year tight end for Furman. After serving a two-year term as a U.S. Army second lieutenant, Cain began his coaching career as Furman's outside linebackers coach in 1977. He later became the Furman passing game coordinator/receivers coach, helping the squad to a 69-23-2 record during an eight-year span.

That success led to Cain's move to North Carolina State in 1986. As offensive coordinator and tight ends coach, Cain directed seven of N.C. State's top 10 passing seasons.

Cain rejoined Johnson's staff at Furman in 1999, helping the Paladins to a pair of Southern Conference titles.

Cain earned a B.S. degree in geology and a M.A. in education from Furman. Cain and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two children: Matt, an assistant coach with Presbyterian (S.C.) College; and Erin, 23.



The Cain family: Ted, Susan, and son Matt, and daughter Erin.

THE CAIN FILE

HOMETOWN: Aiken, South Carolina

EDUCATION: B.S., Geology, Furman, 1974
M.A., Education, Furman, 1981

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Receivers at Furman, 1999-2001

Head Coach at Virginia Military Institute, 1997-1998

Offensive Coordinator at N.C. State, 1986-96

Passing Coordinator/Receivers at Furman, 1978-85

Linebackers at Furman, 1977

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 9 **CONFERENCE TITLES:** 8

NFL DRAFTEES: 1

ALL-AMERICANS: 5



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ROBBIE CALDWELL

Assistant Head Coach; Offensive Line

Robbie Caldwell is in his eighth year as assistant head coach and offensive line coach with the Commodores. He is another veteran coach, having served more than three decades in the collegiate ranks.

After graduating five starters two year ago, including first-round draft pick and All-SEC performer Chris Williams, Caldwell reassembled the 2008 unit around captain Bradley Vierling at center and Thomas Welch at tackle. With little experience, Caldwell mentored the group to a strong showing into the midseason. Then, as injuries became more prevalent, Caldwell continued to transform new, untested prospects into contributors. Of the eight Commodores who earned starts along the offensive front, seven were first-time starters.

Caldwell has coached some of the top linemen in Vanderbilt history. Williams, became the highest offensive lineman ever taken from Vanderbilt in the NFL Draft when Chicago made him the No. 14 overall pick. Another other Vanderbilt pupil, 2004 graduate Justin Geisinger, is on the Carolina Panthers active roster.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Caldwell coached the North Carolina line for two years after lengthy stays at North Carolina State and Furman.

At N.C. State, Caldwell tutored the line for 11 years, then added the responsibility of assistant head coach from 1997-99. Caldwell coached 14 All-ACC Wolfpack linemen. Prior to joining N.C. State, Caldwell coached the front line at Furman from 1978-85, and served there as a grad assistant in 1976. He coached prep football and baseball at Hanahan, S.C. in 1977.

Caldwell coached six Southern Conference championship teams at Furman, including the national runnerup in 1985. Eight of his pupils were first-team all-league, with five earning the conference's Jacobs Award.

Caldwell was a three-year letterman at center for Furman and earned the team's MVP award in 1975. He graduated with a B.S. degree in Health and Physical Education from Furman in 1976.

Caldwell and his wife, Nora Lynn, are the parents of a daughter, Emsley, 14.

THE CALDWELL FILE

HOMETOWN: Pageland, South Carolina

EDUCATION: B.S., Health & Physical Education, Furman, 1976

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE: (positions since 1978)

Offensive Line at North Carolina, 2000-01

Assistant Head Coach at North Carolina State, 1996-98

Offensive Line at North Carolina State, 1986-99

Offensive Line at Furman, 1978-85

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 11 **CONFERENCE TITLES:** 6

NFL DRAFTEES: 6

ALL-AMERICANS: 5



The Caldwell family: Robbie, Nora Lynn and daughter Emsley.

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ASSISTANT COACHES



CHARLIE FISHER

Wide Receivers; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

In his eighth season at Vanderbilt, Charlie Fisher works with Commodore wide receivers while serving as co-coordinator of the passing game with quarterbacks coach Jimmy Kiser.

Fisher also mentored the team's running backs in 2002-03.

In 2008, Fisher was forced to develop receiving depth from a corps of inexperienced players following a rash of injuries and the departure of three-time All-SEC receiver Earl Bennett to the NFL.

Senior Sean Walker produced his finest year in 2008, topping the Commodores with a career high 37 receptions. After the season, Walker was signed to a free agent deal with the St. Louis Rams.

From 2005-07, Fisher mentored Bennett, one of the finest offensive players in Vanderbilt history. In three year, Bennett became the SEC's all-time leading receiver, finishing with 236 receptions. After the season, Bennett was selected by Chicago in the third round.

As the Vanderbilt running backs coach in 2002, he mentored Kwane Doster to SEC Freshman of the Year honors.

Before joining Vanderbilt, he served two years as offensive coordinator/quarterback coach at Temple. Prior to the Temple move, Fisher was successful during a two-year stint tutoring North Carolina State receivers, including future NFL Hall of Famer Torry Holt. The Wolfpack passing attack led the ACC and helped spur the team's drive to a bowl berth.

Fisher's background includes a successful tenure as head coach at West Georgia prior to moving to North Carolina State. From 1993-97, Fisher guided the Braves to a 36-17 overall record. He also served as an offensive coach at Lenior-Rhyne (N.C.) College from 1985-1990.

Fisher played quarterback and wide receiver from 1977-80 at Springfield (Mass.) College. He also lettered as a shortstop in baseball. He earned his B.S. in physical education. Fisher earned a M.A. in sports management from Eastern Kentucky in 1984. He has served as a graduate assistant at both ECU and Ole Miss.

Fisher and his wife, Julie, are the parents of two sons: Brian, 20; and Brett, 14.

THE FISHER FILE

HOMETOWN: Allenwood, Pennsylvania

EDUCATION: B.S., Physical Education, Springfield (Mass.), 1981
M.A., Sports Management, Eastern Kentucky, 1984

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE: (positions since 1991)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Temple, 2000-01

Receivers at North Carolina State, 1998-99

Head Coach at West Georgia, 1993-97

Offensive Coordinator at West Georgia, 1991-92

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 3

NFL DRAFTEES: 4

ALL-AMERICANS: 10



The Fisher family: Charlie, Julie, Brian and Brett.

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BRUCE FOWLER

Asst. Head Coach/Defense

Bruce Fowler, a long-time assistant under Bobby Johnson, was promoted to Assistant Head Coach in charge of defense after the 2008 season. Previously, he served seven years as defensive coordinator.

The 2008 defense was one of the best in recent team history, playing a key factor behind Vanderbilt's 7-6 season and Music City Bowl win.

The unit ranked in the NCAA Top 30 in many categories, including scoring defense, total defense and pass defense. The Commodores allowed opponents just 19.6 points a game, the fewest by a Vanderbilt defense in the last decade.

The unit also was opportunistic, producing 20 interceptions and 10 fumble recoveries. The defense also produced 30 quarterback sacks.

Four former defenders under Fowler – D.J. Moore, Jonathan Goff, Jovan Haye and Hunter Hillenmeyer – have been selected in the NFL Draft. Moore and Hillenmeyer are with Chicago; Goff plays for the New York Giants after Haye signed a 2009 free agent deal with Tennessee. Three others, Marcus Buggs, Curtis Gatewood and Reshard Langford, are with NFL teams.

Fowler, 50, served as Johnson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Furman. Their relationship on the field dates to the 1970s when Johnson was Fowler's position coach at Furman.

Fowler served 16 seasons on the Furman staff. After beginning as a graduate assistant in 1984, Fowler's responsibilities at Furman progressed throughout his tenure. The defense was critical to Furman's 30-9 success from 1999-2001, two conference titles, three I-AA playoff berths and a 2001 national runnerup finish.

Fowler worked with the Furman secondary for six years prior to coaching Paladin linebackers. He mentored six all-conference performers, including All-Americans, Will Bouton and John Keith. He also served several years as an offensive assistant before moving to the defensive staff.

Fowler earned two letters at Furman. He was a member of the Paladins' first conference championship in 1978, started in the secondary in 1979, and played on Furman's 1980 league champion team. He earned a B.S. and M.A. degree in physical education from the university.

Fowler is married to the former Lindy Gilman. They are the parents of a son, Jake, 14, and daughter, Madison, 12.



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The Fowler family: Bruce, Lindy, Jake and Madison.

THE FOWLER FILE

HOMETOWN: Cincinnati, Ohio

EDUCATION: B.S., Physical Education, Furman, 1981

M.A., Physical Education, Furman, 1989

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Def. Coordinator & Linebackers at Furman, 1999-2001

Secondary at Furman, 1993-98

Receivers at Furman, 1986-92

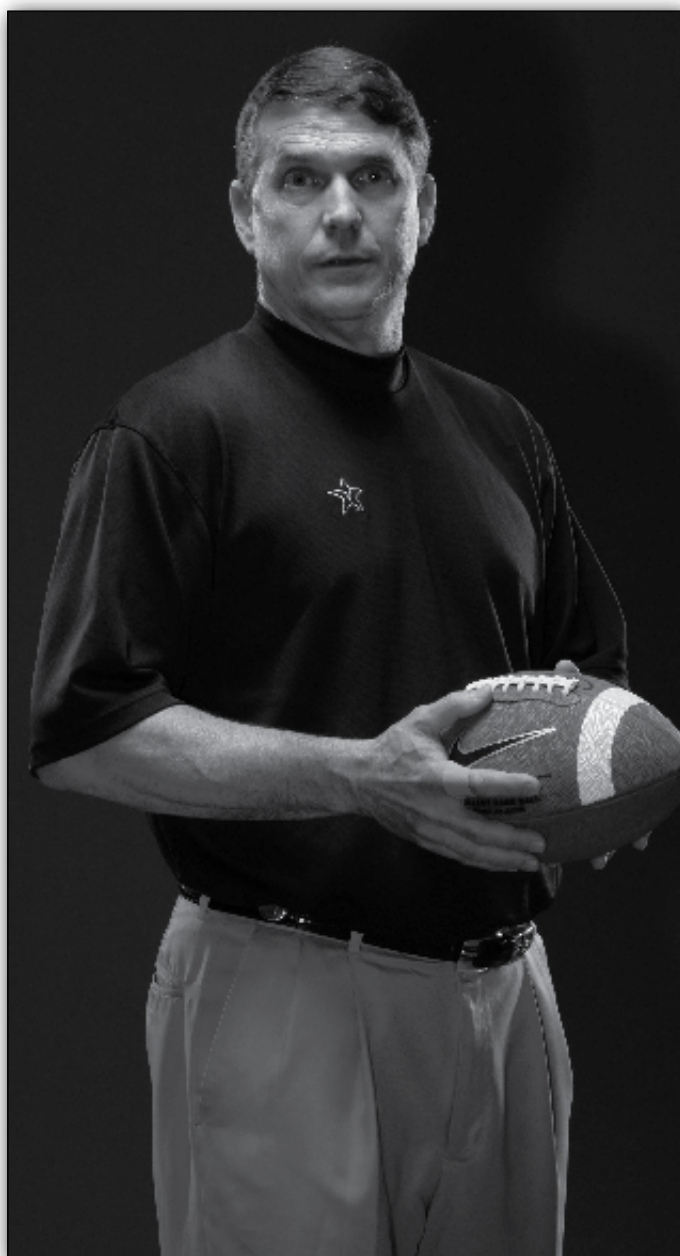
Graduate Assistant at Furman, 1984-85

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 8 **CONFERENCE TITLES:** 8

NFL DRAFTEES: 6

ALL-AMERICANS: 3

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JIMMY KISER

Quarterbacks; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

Jimmy Kiser enters his eighth regular season on the Commodore staff. He brings more than a quarter century of collegiate coaching experience to his role as mentor of Vanderbilt quarterbacks. Kiser and Charlie Fisher also serve as co-coordinators of the passing game.

Kiser, 52, has earned acclaim as the mentor of Vanderbilt quarterback Jay Cutler, the 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year who rewrote the Commodore career passing and total offense records.

In 2008, Kiser mentored a trio of starters: senior Chris Nickson, junior Mackenzi Adams and redshirt freshman Larry Smith. Nickson and Adams enjoyed ups and downs: both guided the Commodores to huge wins and struggled at times with inconsistency or injury. Playing late in the season, Smith also showed plenty of promise and helped the Commodores earn a victory in the Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl in his first career start.

Kiser mentored Cutler for four consecutive seasons. By the time he graduated, Cutler ranked among the top quarterbacks in SEC history and owned the majority of Vanderbilt's all-time passing marks.

Kiser, 52, started his coaching career as a grad assistant at Furman. After coaching three years at Dunwoody (Ga.) H.S., Kiser worked two years at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College, serving as offensive coordinator.

In 1986, Kiser joined the North Carolina State staff. He served the Wolfpack as receivers coach (1986-95), quarterbacks/receivers coach (1996) and offensive coordinator (1997-99). Under Kiser in 1997, the Wolfpack led the ACC in rushing offense and finished second in total offense, then topped the league in total offense the following year.

In 2000, Kiser moved to Memphis where he coached quarterbacks. In 2001, he served as offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach at Richmond.

Kiser won four letters as a receiver at Furman, graduating in 1979. He was named honorable mention all-conference as a senior. He earned a B.A. in Economics and Business Administration, graduating cum laude. In 1982, Kiser earned a M.B.A. from the Clemson/Furman joint MBA program.

Kiser and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four children: recently married Anna Baugher, 22, Jodi, 20, Jamie, 18, and Kelly, 8.

THE KISER FILE

HOMETOWN: Rock Hill, South Carolina

EDUCATION: B.A., Economics & Business Management, Furman, 1979
M.B.A., Clemson/Furman Program, 1982

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Offensive Coordinator at Richmond, 2001
Quarterbacks at Memphis, 2000
Offensive Coordinator at North Carolina State, 1997-99
Quarterbacks & Receivers at North Carolina State, 1996
Receivers at North Carolina State, 1986-95

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 10

NFL DRAFTEES: 9

ALL-AMERICANS: 2



The Kiser family: Jimmy, LeAnn, Anna, Jodi, Jamie and Kelly.

ASSISTANT COACHES

DES KITCHINGS

Running Backs; Special Teams Co-Coordinator

Des Kitchings, a former All-America and All-Southern Conference performer at Furman, enters his second year as the Commodores' running back coach. He also added duties as special teams' co-coordinator after the successful 2008 campaign.

Kitchings came to Vanderbilt after serving as an offensive assistant at Furman from 2004-07. He briefly accepted a position at Western Michigan prior to taking the Vanderbilt role.

In 2008, Kitchings mentored junior tailback Jared Hawkins and several other running back prospects. Hawkins rushed for a team-high 543 yards before missing the regular season finale. Senior Jeff Jennings, sophomores Gaston Miller and Kennard Reeves, and newcomer Jamie Graham also contributed at the position.

At Furman, Kitchings served as tight ends coach and special teams coordinator. He helped mentor three Paladins to All-Southern Conference recognition: Larry Hedden, Willis Sudderth and John Rust.

During his tenure at Furman, the Paladins went 10-3 and captured a conference title in 2004, and advanced to the NCAA I-AA national semifinals in 2005.

Kitchings was a standout receiver/return specialist at Furman. As a senior in 1999, Kitchings helped Furman win the first of three conference championships under Johnson. He ranks among the school's all-time leaders in receptions and returns. As a specialist, he averaged a SoCon record 29.3 yards on 33 kickoff returns, four of which went for touchdowns – also a school record.

A consensus all-Southern Conference selection as both a receiver and returner, Kitchings earned All-America honors as a return specialist in 1999 after leading the NCAA I-AA division in return average.

Kitchings was selected by Kansas City in the 2000 NFL Draft, and spent four years on practice squads and rosters of NFL squads.

Kitchings completed an undergraduate degree at Furman in Health and Exercise Science in 2000.

Kitchings and his wife, Heather, are the parents of son, Aiden Jacob, 3; and daughter, Ava Marie, 1.



COACHES



The Kitchings family: Des, Heather, Aiden and Ava.

THE KITCHINGS FILE

HOMETOWN: Wagener, South Carolina

EDUCATION: B.S., Health & Exercise Science, Furman, 2000

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends at Furman, 2006-07

Tight Ends at Furman, 2004-05

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 4

CONFERENCE TITLES: 1

ALL-CONFERENCE PLAYERS: 4

ASSISTANT COACHES



RICK LOGO

Defensive Line; Special Teams Co-Coordinator

Rick Logo is entering his fourth year as the Commodores' defensive line coach. He added duties as special teams' co-coordinator after the 2008 season.

In 2008, Logo mentored tackle Greg Billinger to his finest year in a Vanderbilt uniform. Billinger established single-season bests in virtually every statistical category. Two other tackles, Adam Smotherman and All-SEC freshman T.J. Greenstone, also filled in admirably.

Both starting ends, Broderick Stewart and Steven Stone, shared the team lead with five quarterbacks sacks and were extreme productive.

Two of Logo's pupils from the 2007 season, Curtis Gatewood and Theo Horrocks, signed NFL free agent deals. Gatewood is currently with the Detroit Lions.

Logo came to Vanderbilt from Troy University where he served as co-defensive coordinator. Logo also coached Troy's defensive line from 2002-2004, and mentored two current standouts in the NFL, Osi Umenyiora of the New York Giants and Demarcus Ware of Dallas.

He joined Troy after one year at Western Carolina where he served as assistant head coach and line coach. Before that, he worked as a defensive assistant at Chattanooga.

A native of Santa Ana, Calif., Logo played four seasons as a defensive tackle at North Carolina State from 1989-92. That Wolfpack staff guided by Dick Sheridan included current Vanderbilt coaches Robbie Caldwell, Ted Cain and Jimmy Kiser.

During Logo's four seasons at N.C. State, the Wolfpack had a combined record of 32-16-1, playing in four consecutive bowls. He was a team captain during his senior season and earned All-ACC honors in 1992. That same season, he was named third-team All-America, and played in the postseason Japan and Hula bowls.

After graduating in 1992 with a B.A. in sociology, Logo signed a contract with Detroit, but suffered a career-ending injury as a rookie.

Logo is a graduate of Spencer (Ga.) H.S., where he was a standout in football, wrestling and track and field.

Logo is married to the former Folole Falefia. They are the parents of a 2-year-old son, Eliah.

THE LOGO FILE

HOMETOWN: Santa Ana, California

EDUCATION: B.A., Sociology, North Carolina State, 1992

OTHER COACHING EXPERIENCE: (positions since 1999)

Co-Defensive Coordinator at Troy, 2005

Defensive Line at Troy, 2003-04

Asst. Head Coach/Def. Line at Western Carolina, 2001-02

Defensive Line at Chattanooga, 2001-02

Def. Coordinator/Def. Line at Chattanooga, 1999-2000

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 2

NFL DRAFTEES: 4

ALL-AMERICANS: 1



The Logo family: Rick, Folole and 2-year-old son Eliah.

ASSISTANT COACHES

JOHN SISK

Speed, Strength and Conditioning Director

A 17-year coaching veteran, John Sisk enters his eighth year as Vanderbilt's Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning.

Sisk's stamp on the rebirth of Commodore football continues to be apparent. In 2008, the start of what became Vanderbilt's first winning season in 26 years began with months of offseason conditioning guided by Sisk and assistants Curtis Turner and Gabe Teeple.

During the Sisk tenure, due in large part to their fitness level, Bobby Johnson's Commodores have been a strong second half squad. In 2008, they outscored 13 opponents 127-81 after intermission.

Johnson appreciates what he sees from Sisk's contribution. "I like everything about John's program. He makes guys better football players, and he works well with each student-athlete on a personal and physical level."

Since 2002, 12 former Commodores that came through Sisk's program remain in the National Football League. Five former standouts have been taken in the NFL Draft since 2006, including first-rounders Cutler and Williams, who went from an undersized 245-pound prospect on his arrival at Vanderbilt to the No. 14 pick overall in the 2008 draft.

Sisk also has mentored four strength and conditioning All-Americans at Vanderbilt: Justin Geisinger, Jay Cutler, Gabe Hall and Chris Williams.

The relationship between Sisk and Johnson dates to 1994, when Sisk was a Furman strength assistant in Johnson's first year as coach.

Sisk has also worked with four recent first-round Major League Baseball picks from Vanderbilt: 2007 No. 1 pick David Price, 2008 No. 2 selection Pedro Alvarez, pitcher Casey Weathers and pitcher Mike Minor.

Sisk joined Vanderbilt after working at Clemson where he was responsible for the conditioning of skilled-position athletes.

Sisk played football at Western Carolina. After spending three years as a football/strength coach at Tuscola H.S., he joined Furman in 1993. He was named to guide the Western Carolina conditioning program in 1995. He joined Clemson in 1997.



THE SISK FILE

HOMETOWN: Waynesville, North Carolina

EDUCATION: B.A., Sports Administration, Western Carolina, 1993

PREVIOUS COACHING EXPERIENCE:

Assistant Strength Director at Clemson, 2001

Assistant Strength Coach at Clemson, 1997-2000

Head Strength Coach at Western Carolina, 1995-96

Assistant Strength Coach at Furman, 1993-94

POSTSEASON APPEARANCES: 5

NFL DRAFTEES: 18

ALL-AMERICANS: 7

STRENGTH & CONDITIONING ALL-AMERICANS: 6

COACHES



SUPPORT STAFF

BRIAN REESE – ASSOC. DIR. OF STUDENT ATHLETICS



Brian Reese, who enters his sixth season overseeing the Vanderbilt football operation, serves as Associate Director of Student Athletics. He holds one of four such administrative positions with Vanderbilt Athletics, with the football, women's lacrosse and bowling programs under his direction.

Among Reese's football oversight responsibilities are day-to-day operation, team travel, budget control, department staffing and alumni relations. He also serves as a campuswide liaison for Coach Johnson's program.

Previously, Reese served seven years as head athletic trainer at Furman.

Reese, a native of Brook Park, Ohio, earned a B.S. in physical education at Grand Valley (Mich.) State College and a Master's in athletic administration at Tulsa. He joined The Citadel training staff in 1989, working there until he was named to the Furman position in 1995. Earlier, Reese spent two summers with the Detroit Lions and assisted the Tulsa staff during graduate studies.

Reese and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of three children; daughters Maureen, 15, and Brynn, 9; and a son, Patrick, 5.

MICHAEL HAZEL – ASST. DIR., FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



Michael Hazel enters his fifth year as Assistant Director of Football Operations. Previously, Hazel served one year as a graduate assistant coach, working with the Commodore defense.

Hazel was a four-year letterwinner as a linebacker and special teams player for Elon (N.C.) University. During his collegiate playing days, Hazel helped Elon to a 28-16 record as the program transitioned to the I-AA level.

A native of Easley, S.C., Hazel was an eight-time member of the Elon Athletic Director's Honor Roll and a President's list recipient on three occasions.

In 2001, he earned a B.A. in corporate communications from Elon. In 2004, he earned a M.B.A. from Elon. Hazel completed a Master's in education from Vanderbilt's Peabody College in 2007.

TOM BOSSUNG – HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Tom Bossung enters his 11th year as head athletic trainer for the Vanderbilt football team. He also manages the Vanderbilt athletic training office.

He first came to Vanderbilt as a graduate assistant in 1990 and earned a master's degree in health promotion and exercise science in 1992.

Bossung is in his 13th year with the Vanderbilt staff, having worked with the men's basketball and women's tennis teams from 1995-1999. Previously, he worked a year at the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Center and served two years as the head athletic trainer at Tennessee State.

Bossung, who received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners. He has served as a test site administrator and host for NATA certification exams. Bossung also volunteers his time to youth soccer leagues in the Nashville area.

Tom and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children: Ryan, 16; and Sarah, 12.

LUKE WYATT – EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Luke Wyatt enters his 27th year at Vanderbilt, having served as the head equipment manager since 1990. He handles the purchase and care of football equipment and consults with coaches of all Vanderbilt sports.

Wyatt supervises three assistants and a staff of student workers. Together, the staff works long hours to ensure the football team is well-prepared for games and practices. They also transport team equipment to road games.

Wyatt was recognized as the National Football Federation outstanding equipment manager in 2004. He is a member of several equipment boards, including Schutt gear.

ASSISTANT STRENGTH COACHES

CURTIS TURNER



Curtis Turner enters his seventh season as a Commodore strength assistant.

Turner, a native of Blairsville, Ga., serves as a strength assistant to football staff and coordinates workouts for several other Vanderbilt varsity teams, including golf and tennis.

Turner, 29, joined Vanderbilt after working three years with the Clemson athletic strength staff. After starting at Clemson as an undergraduate, Turner moved into a full-time role at Vanderbilt after earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

While he assisted with the Clemson football team, Turner also guided the training programs for other Tiger sports, including golf and rowing.

GABE TEEPLE



Gabe Teeple enters his fourth season with the Vanderbilt football program, serving as an assistant to Speed, Strength and Conditioning Director John Sisk.

Teeple, 33, previously served two years as an assistant strength coach at the University of Wyoming.

Before joining Wyoming, Teeple spent two years assisting the Virginia Tech conditioning staff while working toward a postgraduate degree. At Virginia Tech, Teeple contributed to the conditioning programs in football, men's basketball and baseball among other varsity sports. He earned a Master's in Health Promotion from Virginia Tech in 2004.

A native of Sparta, Tenn., Teeple graduated from Tennessee Tech in 1999, where he was a starting center and three-year letterwinner. Upon graduation, he served three years as an assistant football coach at Gatlinburg-Pittman High School in east Tennessee.

Teeple is married to the former Donna Ford.

SUPPORT STAFF

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES

NORVAL MCKENZIE – OFFENSE



Norval McKenzie enters his second year as an offensive graduate assistant coach. Prior to becoming a grad assistant, McKenzie taught and coached two years at Hiram (Ga.) High School. McKenzie, of Powder Springs, Ga., earned four varsity letters for the Commodores from 2001-04. Despite suffering a serious leg injury as a sophomore, he was the team's rushing leader as a junior and senior, finishing with 1,441 career rushing yards.

McKenzie, 27, was a prep standout and three-year starter at McEachern High School in north Georgia.

In 2005, McKenzie earned degrees from Vanderbilt in secondary education, political science and American history. He is pursuing a postgraduate degree in education from the Peabody College.

MARK MOEHRING – DEFENSE



Mark Moehring returns for his second year as a graduate assistant coach, working with the Vanderbilt defense.

Moehring, 24, has been associated with the football program since the 2004 season. As an undergraduate, Moehring worked as an equipment manager for the squad, and volunteered in the Vanderbilt Athletics video department.

Moehring is a native of Minnetonka, Minn. He lettered in football, wrestling and track at

Minnetonka High School.

Moehring earned a degree in engineering science and economics from Vanderbilt in 2007. He is pursuing a postgraduate degree in education from the Peabody College.

ADDITIONAL FOOTBALL STAFFERS



ANGELA BESS
HEAD COACH'S
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT



BEVERLY BROTHERS
ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT



ANDREA POOLE CAIN
ASSISTANT
RECRUITING COORDINATOR



LACEY BALLARD
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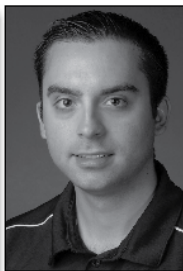
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SPIRIT LEADERS



ALMA MATER

(Text for Vanderbilt Alma Mater was written by Robert F. Vaughn in 1907)

On the city's western border
Reared against the sky
Proudly stands our Alma Mater
As the years roll by.

Forward ever be thy watchword,
Conquer and Prevail.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater,
Vanderbilt, All Hail!

Cherished by the sons and daughters,
Mem'ries sweet shall throng
Round our hearts, O Alma Mater,
As we sing our song.



CHEER SQUAD

COACHES

Pam Pearson, head coach
Jason Silvers, assistant coach
Valery Parham, assistant coach

CHEER MEMBERS

Alison King	grad student
Dana Reynolds (captain)	senior
Jamie Gordon	senior
Jeanette Linville	senior
Chelsea Washington	junior
Kaitlyn Sparks	junior
Yoseph Beki	junior
Meryl McVicker	sophomore
Lydia Yager (captain)	sophomore
Sarah Clinton	sophomore
Alexandra Hudgens	freshman
Shanelle Holloway	freshman
Brittany Perskin	freshman
Rachel Carter	freshman
Adair Tigert	freshman
Paige Diner	freshman
Jackie Wong	freshman

MR. COMMODORE

The official Vanderbilt mascot, Mr. Commodore, is a huge fan favorite. Robert Price, a sophomore engineering student, returns to serve in the Mr. Commodore role.