

2007 Spring Prospectus

Commodore Quick Facts

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location	Nashville, Tennessee
Enrollment	6,378 (undergraduate)
Founded	1873
Nickname	Commodores
Mascot	Mr. Commodore
Colors	Black & Gold
Stadium	Vanderbilt (39,773)
Chancellor	Dr. E. Gordon Gee
Vice Chancellor of Student Life	David Williams II
Vanderbilt All-Time Record	541-535-50 (.503)
2006 Record	4-8 (1-7 in SEC East)
1st Year of Football	1890
Conference Affiliation	Southeastern
Bowl Appearance/Record	1-1-1

2007 FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

Head Football Coach	Bobby Johnson
Offensive Coordinator/TEs	Ted Cain
Defensive Coordinator	Bruce Fowler
Assistant Head Coach/OL	Robbie Caldwell
Special Teams Coordinator/LBs	Warren Belin
Defensive Secondary	Jamie Bryant
Recruiting Coordinator/RBs	Kenny Carter
Passing Game Co-Coordinator/WRs	Charlie Fisher
Passing Game Co-Coordinator/QBs	Jimmy Kiser
Defensive Line	Rick Logo
Strength & Conditioning Director	John Sisk
Strength Assistants	Gabe Teeple, Curtis Turner
Graduate Assistants	Matt Cain (off.); Andy Frank (def.)

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

Director of Sport Operations	Brian Reese
Assistant Director of Operations	Michael Hazel
Head Athletic Trainer	Tom Bossung
Equipment Manager	Luke Wyatt
Video Coordinators	Wes Whaley, Steven Parks
Administrative Staff	Angela Bess, Beverly Brothers, Andrea Poole Cain, Edwyna Griscom
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Assistant Equipment Manager	Chris Singleton

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2007 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	KICKOFF
September 1	Richmond	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
September 8	ALABAMA	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
September 15	OLE MISS	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
September 29	Eastern Michigan	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
October 6	AUBURN	Auburn, Ala.	TBA
October 13	GEORGIA	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
October 20	SOUTH CAROLINA	Columbia, S.C.	TBA
October 27	Miami (Ohio)	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
November 3	FLORIDA	Gainesville, Fla.	TBA
November 10	KENTUCKY	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA
November 17	TENNESSEE	Knoxville, Tenn.	TBA
November 24	Wake Forest	Vanderbilt Stadium	TBA

2006 VANDERBILT SCHEDULE/RESULTS

DATE	OPPONENT	W/L	SCORE	ATTENDANCE
September 2	@ Michigan	L	7-27	109,668
September 9	@ Alabama	L	10-13	92,138
September 16	Arkansas	L	19-21	32,202
September 23	Tennessee State	W	38-19	27,460
September 30	Temple	W	43-14	34,319
October 7	@ Ole Miss	L	10-17	51,211
October 14	@ Georgia	W	24-22	92,746
October 21	South Carolina	L	13-31	37,280
October 28	@ Duke	W	45-28	14,198
November 4	Florida	L	19-25	38,134
November 11	@ Kentucky	L	26-38	52,235
November 18	Tennessee	L	10-39	39,773

NOTE TO MEDIA COVERING THE COMMODORES

Vanderbilt Head Coach Bobby Johnson, his coaching staff and the media relations department would like to invite you to "Commodore Spring 2007."

The first of 15 spring sessions is expected Tuesday, March 13, with the players on the John Rich Complex practice field at 4:00 p.m. Inclement weather will affect the team's practice schedule. Starting times may vary for any weekend practices.

The spring session is expected to continue into the first week of April. The featured Black & Gold Scrimmage is scheduled midway through Spring Practice on March 31. The schedule allows Vanderbilt to continue after the Black & Gold Scrimmage.

The Black & Gold Scrimmage is the lone practice session open to the general public. All other Spring Practice sessions are open on an invitation-only basis, approved by the football office.

Beat reporters can attend the practices. Media photographers and videographers are allowed access to the first 30 minutes of practice. Interviews are available immediately after practice. Practice reports will be limited to www.vucommodes.com.

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Spring Notes

ELEVEN 'DORE STORYLINES

HOW DOES BRIAN STAMPER RETURN FROM INJURY?

Coaches and teammates will be looking to see the progress of Stamper, a current captain and three-year starter who missed much of the 2006 season with a back injury that required surgery.

WHO STEPS UP AT WEAKSIDE LINEBACKER?

Which linebacker will step forward to claim the vacancy left by Kevin Joyce's graduation? Sophomore Brandon Bryant and Patrick Benoist are leading candidates.

HOW MUCH WILL CHRIS NICKSON PROGRESS?

By the end of his first year as a starter, Nickson was among the SEC's finest multi-dimensional quarterbacks. This spring, Nickson needs to take his game to the next level.

WHAT WILL JEFF JENNINGS' RETURN MEAN?

Jennings, an excellent inside-in-the-tackles runner, is back after missing the 2006 season with a knee injury. If he's totally recovered, the Commodores' running back corps gets loads deeper.

WHO STARTS AT CORNERBACK?

Four returnees with starting experience are back, and three talented youngsters are ready to compete.

WHICH POSITION CHANGES WILL HAVE MOST IMPACT?

The coaches have hinted at position experiments, but offered few concrete details.

HOW DO COMMODORES IMPROVE SPECIAL TEAMS?

Kicking and punting are just part of the equation. The squad needs upgrades in all phrases.

WHO WILL START NEXT TO DT THEO HORROCKS?

The top candidates are sophomore Greg Billinger and senior Gabe Hall. This spring, one gets the nod.

WHICH NEWCOMERS WILL FIND A KEY ROLE?

Fifteen freshmen spent '06 as redshirts. Who developed enough to help in 2007?

WHERE DOES DEPTH AT SAFETY COME FROM?

The coaches need to identify quality depth behind starters Reshard Langford and Ryan Hamilton.

WHO STEPS FORWARD IN LEADERSHIP ROLES?

Reshard Langford, Marcus Buggs, Theo Horrocks on defense... Earl Bennett, Chris Nickson, Hamilton Holliday on offense? There are lots of candidates.

Few Commodores Expected to Miss Contact in Spring Drills

Few Commodores will enter Spring Practice limited by injuries, a far different picture than one year ago.

Coach Johnson said **Brian Stamper** (R-Sr., OT) is the notable exception. Stamper, who is progressing extremely well from back surgery in October, will be evaluated throughout the spring session. **Darlon Spead** (R-So., DB) also will be monitored quickly coming off a successful recent knee procedure.

Last spring, several Commodores, including DE **Curtis Gatewood**, PK **Bryant Hahnfeldt**, CB **Sean Dixon** and TB **Jeff Jennings**, missed most or all of spring drills recuperating from injuries.

Commodore Replace Kent State with Miami (Ohio) on 2007 Schedule

The Commodores will play their first eight-game home schedule in more than 100 years in 2007, but one of the non-SEC opponents will be a different Mid-American Conference squad than originally believed.

On Tuesday, March 13, SEC and MAC officials announced that Vanderbilt would face Miami (Ohio) on Saturday, Oct. 27, in Nashville, instead of MAC member Kent State.

Vanderbilt and Miami (Ohio) have played twice previously, with Miami capturing the last meeting – a 33-30 thriller – during the 2000 season opener in Nashville.

SIX TO WATCH

★ **THOMAS WELCH, R-SO., OFF. TACKLE** Moved from TE in '06; promptly added 25 lbs. O-line is more versatile, deeper with Welch ready to play.

★ **BRANDON BRYANT, R-SO., LINEBACKER** Bryant has all the tools, and needs a productive spring to make his case as a starter at weakside linebacker.

★ **MYRON LEWIS, SO., CORNERBACK** Played safety and cornerback as a freshman, but observers think he could be a gifted cornerback for Commodores.

★ **GREG BILLINGER, SO., DEF. TACKLE** Saw action as frosh; As consistency on the field improves, Billinger's role is likely to expand.

★ **JUSTIN GREEN, R-Fr., TIGHT END** Limited at weight as a frosh, Green is up to 230 lbs., and potentially provides rare explosiveness at position.

★ **BRENT TRICE, SO., SAFETY** Trice spent his first year learning the position nuisances. He gives the Commodores another physical presence at safety.

COMMODORE CAREER STARTS

The Commodore with more career starts than any other, offensive tackle **Brian Stamper** (R-Sr.) didn't play most of last year due to a back injury that required season-ending surgery.

Stamper, a captain in 2006, has started 36 games at offensive tackle over the last four years. He is the only Commodore with more than 30 career starting assignments.

Jonathan Goff (R-Sr.), also a captain from last year, has 28 consecutive starts, the most by an active Commodore. Goff has become a fixture at middle linebacker three years ago when inserted in the lineup for the Vanderbilt-LSU contest in Baton Rouge.

Twelve returnees – **Goff**, **Earl Bennett** (WR, Jr.), **Marcus Buggs** (LB, R-Sr.), **Curtis Gatewood** (DE, R-Sr.), **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (PK/Jr.), **Hamilton Holliday** (center, Sr.), **Theo Horrocks** (DT, Sr.), **Cassen Jackson-Garrison** (TB, Sr.), **Reshard Langford** (safety, R-Jr.), **Chris Nickson** (QB, R-Jr.), **Brett Upson** (P, So.) and **Chris Williams** (OT, R-Sr.) – started every game in 2006.

MOST CAREER STARTS — CURRENT PLAYERS

PLAYER	CAREER STARTS
Brian Stamper, OL	36
Jonathan Goff, LB	28
Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK/P	23
Reshard Langford, safety	23
Theo Horrocks, DL	22
Chris Williams, OL	21
Josh Eames, OL	20
Earl Bennett, WR	19
Hamilton Holliday, OL	14
Marcus Buggs, LB	13
Cassen Jackson-Garrison, RB	13
George Smith, WR	13
Curtis Gatewood, DE	12
Chris Nickson, QB	12
Brett Upson, punter	12
Joel Caldwell, DB	11
Jeff Jennings, RB	11
Merritt Kirchoffer, OL	10

MOST CONSECUTIVE STARTS — CURRENT PLAYERS

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE STARTS
Jonathan Goff, LB	28
Bryant Hahnfeldt, PK/P	23
Reshard Langford, safety	23
Chris Williams, OL	21
Earl Bennett, WR	19
Marcus Buggs, LB	16
Theo Horrocks, DL	14
Cassen Jackson-Garrison, RB	13
Curtis Gatewood, DE	12
Hamilton Holliday, OL	12
Chris Nickson, QB	12
Brett Upson, punter	12
Joel Caldwell, DB	11

Spring Notes

Receiver Bennett Approaching SEC All-Time Records

Wide receiver Earl Bennett, Vanderbilt's first football All-America recipient in eight years, enters his junior season in a Commodore uniform within reach of Southeastern Conference career receiving records.

Bennett, who currently holds 10 school records and a pair of SEC marks, needs 48 receptions to overtake former Kentucky standout WR Craig Yeast as the SEC's career leader. The all-time receptions mark is one of several records seemingly within Bennett's grasp.

Bennett, a product of West End H.S. in Birmingham, Ala., has posted remarkable achievements in his first two years wearing Black & Gold. He followed a 79-reception campaign as a freshman in 2005 with an 82-catch performance (8th in the NCAA) last year, becoming the first player in SEC history to post at least 75 receptions in two different seasons.

Bennett's single-game accomplishments are amazing. In 23 career starts, he has caught at least 10 passes in seven games, surpassed the 100-yard receiving plateau on seven occasions, and has six games of more than

150 receiving yards, topped by a 220-yard effort at Kentucky last year that is the most by SEC receiver in five years. In 2005, Bennett caught 16 passes against South Carolina, fourth most ever by a SEC player. That same year, he tied a 28-year-old SEC mark with five touchdown catches against Kentucky.

Bennett also is within reach of prominent Vanderbilt career receiving marks. Currently, Bennett ranks fourth in receptions (needing 40 catches), fifth in receiving yardage (942 yards shy of the record) and is tied for sixth in TD receptions (just six TD catches away from breaking the current mark).

BENNETT & VANDY CAREER LEADERS

SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS — VANDERBILT

REC.	NAME (SEASON RECEIVING YARDS)	YEAR
1.	97 Keith Edwards (909 yards)	1983
2.	82 Earl Bennett (1,146 yards)	2006
3.	79 Bob Goodridge (1,114 yards)	1967
	79 Earl Bennett (876 yards)	2005
5.	78 Boo Mitchell (1,213 yards)	1988

CAREER RECEPTIONS — VANDERBILT

REC.	NAME (CAREER RECEIVING YARDS)	YEARS
1.	200 Keith Edwards (1,757 yards)	1980, 82-83
2.	188 Boo Mitchell (2,964 yards)	1985-88
3.	182 Dan Stricker (2,880 yards)	1999-2002
4.	161 Earl Bennett (2,022 yards)	2005-06

CAREER RECEIVING YARDS — VANDERBILT

REC.	YARDS	NAME (CAREER RECEPTIONS)	YEARS
1.	2,964	Boo Mitchell (188 rec., 9 TDs)	1985-88
2.	2,880	Dan Stricker (182 rec., 21 TDs)	1999-2002
3.	2,275	Martin Cox (132 rec., 9 TDs)	1975-78
4.	2,219	Chuck Scott (145 rec., 20 TDs)	1981-84
5.	2,022	Earl Bennett (161 rec., 15 TDs)	2005-06

BENNETT & SEC CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS

SINGLE-SEASON RECEPTIONS — SEC

REC.	NAME, SCHOOL (SEASON RECEIVING YARDS)	YEAR
1.	97 Keith Edwards, Vandy (909 yards)	1983
2.	94 Josh Reed, LSU (1,740 yards)	2001
3.	90 James Whalen, UK (1,019 yards)	1999
4.	88 Carlos Alvarez, UF (1,329 yards)	1969
	88 Chad Jackson, UF (900 yards)	2005
6.	85 Craig Yeast, UK (1,311 yards)	1998
7.	82 Earl Bennett, Vandy (1,146 yards)	2006
8.	80 Wendell Davis, LSU (1,244 yards)	1986
9.	79 Bob Goodridge, Vandy (1,114 yards)	1967
	79 Earl Bennett, Vandy (876 yards)	2005

CAREER RECEPTIONS — SEC

REC.	NAME, SCHOOL (CAREER RECEIVING YARDS)	YEARS
1.	208 Craig Yeast, UK (2,899 yards)	1995-98
2.	204 Terrence Edwards, UGA (3,093 yards)	1999-2002
3.	200 Keith Edwards, Vandy (1,757 yards)	1980, 82-84
4.	198 Chris Collins, Ole Miss (2,621 yards)	2000-03
5.	197 Derek Abney, UK (2,339 yards)	2000-03
6.	194 Anthony White, UK (1,519 yards)	1996-99
7.	188 Boo Mitchell, Vandy (2,964 yards)	1985-88
8.	183 Wendell Davis, LSU (2,708 yards)	1984-87
	183 Joey Kent, UT (2,814 yards)	1993-96
10.	182 Brice Hunter, UGA (2,373 yards)	1992-95
	182 Dan Stricker, Vandy (2,880 yards)	1999-2002
	182 Michael Clayton, LSU (2,582 yards)	2001-03
13.	177 Marcus Nash, UT (2,447 yards)	1994-97
14.	172 Carlos Alvarez, UF (2,563 yards)	1969-71
15.	167 Josh Reed, LSU (3,001 yards)	1999-2001
16.	162 David Smith, MSU (2,168 yards)	1968-70
	162 Willie Jackson, UF (2,172 yards)	1990-93
18.	161 Fred Gibson, UGA (2,884 yards)	2001-04
	161 Earl Bennett, Vandy (2022 yards)	2005-06
20.	160 Zola Davis, USC (2,291 yards)	1995-98

2006 COMMODORE POSTSEASON ACCOLADES

EARL BENNETT, So., WIDE RECEIVER

- Third-team All-America, Rivals.com
- First-team All-Southeastern Conference, Associated Press
- Second-team All-Southeastern Conference, coaches' poll

JONATHAN GOFF, LINEBACKER

- Second-team All-Southeastern Conference, coaches' poll

CHRIS WILLIAMS, OFFENSIVE TACKLE

- Second-team All-Southeastern Conference, coaches' poll

D.J. MOORE, DEFENSIVE BACK

- Southeastern Conference All-Freshman Team, coaches' poll

DARLON SPREAD, DEFENSIVE BACK

- All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team, *The Sporting News*

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS — TOTAL TACKLES

TOTAL TACKLES	PLAYER, POSITION, SCHOOL
256	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
226	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
194	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt
159	Ali Highsmith, LB, LSU
147	Roger Williams, safety, Kentucky
130	Weston Dacus, LB, Arkansas
124	Titus Brown, DL, Miss. State
122	Jamarca Sanford, DB, Ole Miss

SEC ACTIVE CAREER LEADERS — SOLO TACKLES

SOLO TACKLES	PLAYER, POSITION, SCHOOL
181	Wesley Woodyard, LB, Kentucky
166	Jonathan Hefney, DB, Tennessee
141	Jonathan Goff, LB, Vanderbilt
113	Roger Williams, safety, Kentucky
85	Jasper Brinkley, LB, So. Carolina
80	Weston Dacus, LB, Arkansas
74	Paul Oliver, DB, Georgia
73	Jamarca Sanford, DB, Ole Miss

Goff Among SEC's Top Returning Tacklers

Middle linebacker Jonathan Goff (Lynn, Mass.) ranks among the Southeastern Conference leaders in two key tackle statistical categories entering his fifth and final Commodore season.

Goff, a 2006 co-captain, ranks third among active SEC defensive players with 194 career tackles, trailing Kentucky's Wesley Woodyard (256) and Tennessee's Jonathan Hefney (226).

Goff also ranks third in career solo tackles with 141. Woodyard and Hefney also are ahead of Goff in this category.

Goff, named second-team All-SEC linebacker by the coaches last year, has started 28 consecutive games, the longest current streak on the Commodore roster.

Commodore Roster

2006 STARTERS RETURNING: 19

OFFENSE: 9

NAME	YEAR	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	KEY 2006 STATS
Earl Bennett	Jr.	WR	6-1/202	82 catches, 1,146 yards as '06 sophomore
Josh Eames	R-Sr.	OG	6-4/310	Dependable two-year starter at guard
Hamilton Holliday	Sr.	C	6-3/290	Started every game in '06 at center
Cassen Jackson-Garrison	Sr.	TB	6-1/220	Set career high with 614 rushing yards
Merritt Kirchoffer	R-Sr.	OG	6-5/320	A potential standout at guard or tackle
Chris Nickson	R-Jr.	QB	6-1/210	Amassed 2,779 total yards as QB in 2006
George Smith	R-Jr.	WR	6-3/195	Ranked third on team with 21 receptions
Brian Stamper	R-Sr.	OT	6-5/295	'05 All-SEC pick returns from injury
Chris Williams	R-Sr.	OT	6-6/315	Named second team All-SEC by coaches

DEFENSE: 8

NAME	YEAR	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	KEY 2006 STATS
Marcus Buggs	R-Sr.	LB	5-11/235	Posted 40 solo stops, 10.5 tackles for loss
Joel Caldwell	R-So.	CB	6-1/185	Contributed 42 tackles as first-year starter
Curtis Gatewood	R-Sr.	DE	6-3/245	Topped team with seven sacks in '06
Jonathan Goff	R-Sr.	LB	6-4/235	Captain, topped team in tackles as junior
Ryan Hamilton	R-So.	S	6-1/205	Contributed 43 tackles as starting safety
Theo Horrocks	Sr.	DT	6-3/295	Posted career highs in tackles and sacks
Reshard Langford	R-Jr.	S	6-2/215	Leader in Secondary; Nabbed three INTs
D.J. Moore	So.	CB	5-10/180	Contributed 37 tackles as true freshman

SPECIALISTS: 2

NAME	YEAR	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	KEY 2006 STATS
Bryant Hahnfeldt	Jr.	P/PK	5-11/180	Made eight FGs coming off knee surgery
Brett Upson	So.	P	5-10/175	Averaged 38 yards as freshman punter

2006 STARTERS LOST: 5

OFFENSE: 2

NAME	Pos.	KEY 2006 STATS
Steven Bright	TE	Gamered 18 catches before suffering season-ending foot injury
Marlon White	WR	No. 2 receiver with 25 catches; surpassed 100 career receptions

DEFENSE: 3

NAME	Pos.	KEY 2006 STATS
Chris Booker	DE	Three-year starter; contributed 37 total tackles in 2006
Ray Brown	DT	Blossomed as senior starter; Contributed 36 total tackles
Kevin Joyce	LB	Team's second leading tackler with 59 stops, 43 unassisted

NEWCOMERS TO WATCH

NAME	YEAR	Pos.	Ht./Wt.	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
Joey Bailey	R-Fr.	OL	6-4/260	Impressed as '06 frosh; needs added weight
Nate Campbell	R-Fr.	LB	6-3/228	Could be in mix at OLB with strong spring
Jared Funk	R-Fr.	QB	6-2/200	Accurate QB who impressed as freshman
Justin Green	R-Fr.	TE	6-6/230	As size/strength increase, future is unlimited
Marquez Hall	R-Fr.	CB	5-9/165	One of Commodores' fastest players
Adam Smotherman	R-Fr.	DT	6-3/270	Hard worker with chance to contribute in '07
Alan Strong	R-Fr.	CB	5-10/175	Athletic corner; had solid off-season effort

LETTERWINNERS RETURNING: 53

OFFENSE (26) Mackenzi Adams, Brad Allen, Bryant Anderson, Earl Bennett, Jake Bradford, Matt Bubis, Ryan Custer, Josh Eames, Jared Hawkins, Eric Hensley, Hamilton Holliday, Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Jeff Jennings, Merritt Kirchoffer, Gaston Miller, Chris Nickson, Chris Reinert, Larry Simmons, George Smith, Brian Stamper, Bradley Vierling, Sean Walker, Alex Washington, Thomas Welch, Justin Wheeler, Chris Williams

DEFENSE (23) Josh Allen, Patrick Benoist, Greg Billinger, Marcus Buggs, Brandon Bryant, Joel Caldwell, Jared Fagan, Curtis Gatewood, Jonathan Goff, Gabe Hall, Ryan Hamilton, Brandon Holmes, Theo Horrocks, Chris Johnson, Reshard Langford, Myron Lewis, Quavian Lewis, D.J. Moore, Darlron Spead, Broderick Stewart, Steven Stone, Brent Trice, David Whittington

SPECIALISTS (4) Bryant Hahnfeldt, Nick Miller, Matt Quinn, Brett Upson

LETTERWINNERS LOST: 12

OFFENSE (4) Steven Bright, Elliot Hood, Mac Pyle, Marlon White

DEFENSE (6) Chris Booker, Ray Brown, Sean Dixon, Funtaine Hunter, Ben Koger, Adrian Reif

SPECIALISTS (2) Patrick Johnson, Kyle Keown

COMMODORES BY CLASS

SENIORS (12) Marcus Buggs, Josh Eames, Gabe Hall, Hamilton Holliday, Theo Horrocks, Curtis Gatewood, Jonathan Goff, Cassen Jackson-Garrison, Merritt Kirchoffer, Richard Kovalcheck, Brian Stamper, Chris Williams

JUNIORS (13) Brad Allen, Josh Allen, Bryant Anderson, Earl Bennett, Jared Fagan, Bryant Hahnfeldt, Brandon Holmes, Jeff Jennings, Reshard Langford, Chris Nickson, George Smith, Sean Walker, David Whittington

SOPHOMORES (35) Mackenzi Adams, Bo Baggerly, Patrick Benoist, Greg Billinger, Jake Bradford, Brandon Bryant, Matt Bubis, Joel Caldwell, Thomas Carroll, Ryan Custer, Derrius Dowell, Drew Gardner, Ryan Hamilton, Jared Hawkins, Eric Hensley, Chris Johnson, David Leinweber, Myron Lewis, Quavian Lewis, Gaston Miller, Nick Miller, D.J. Moore, Matt Quinn, Chris Reinert, Larry Simmons, Darlron Spead, Broderick Stewart, Steven Stone, Brent Trice, Brett Upson, Ryan Vance, Bradley Vierling, Alex Washington, Thomas Welch, Justin Wheeler

REDSHIRT FRESHMEN (16) Joey Bailey, Terrial Brannon, Drew Brenk, Nate Campbell, Jared Funk, Michael Garcia, Steven Goulet, Justin Green, Marquez Hall, Reilly Lauer, Kikko Logan, Austin Newton, Kennard Reeves, Adam Smotherman, Alan Strong, Turner Wimberly

Pre-Spring Depth Chart

THE COMMODORE OFFENSE

- QB** 3 CHRIS NICKSON (6-2, 210, R-Jr.)
- 9 Mackenzi Adams (6-2, 208, R-So.)
- 15 Richard Kovalcheck (6-2, 222, R-Sr.)
- TB** 22 CASSEN JACKSON-GARRISON (6-1, 220, Sr.)
- or- 21 Jeff Jennings (6-1, 222, R-Jr.)
- 31 Jared Hawkins (5-10, 192, R-So.)
- WR** 10 EARL BENNETT (6-1, 202, Jr.)
- 81 Bryant Anderson (6-3, 210, R-Jr.)
- WR** 88 GEORGE SMITH (6-3, 195, R-Jr.)
- 26 Alex Washington (5-10, 180, R-So.)
- WR** 7 Sean Walker (6-0, 180, R-Jr.)
- 80 Justin Wheeler (6-0, 175, R-So.)
- TE** 83 Brad Allen (6-3, 240, R-Jr.)
- 85 Jake Bradford (6-6, 260, R-So.)
- LT** 74 CHRIS WILLIAMS (6-6, 315, R-Sr.)
- 66 Eric Hensley (6-6, 305, R-So.)
- LG** 78 JOSH EAMES (6-5, 310, R-Sr.)
- 70 Drew Gardner (6-5, 305, R-So.)
- C** 53 HAMILTON HOLLIDAY (6-3, 290, Sr.)
- 70 Bradley Vierling (6-3, 290, R-So.)
- RG** 64 MERRITT KIRCHOFFER (6-5, 315, R-Sr.)
- or- 73 Ryan Custer (6-4, 295, R-So.)
- RT** 72 Brian Stamper (6-5, 295, R-Sr.)
- 76 Thomas Welch (6-6, 280, R-So.)

THE COMMODORE DEFENSE

- DE** 48 CURTIS GATEWOOD (6-3, 245, R-Sr.)
- 51 Quavian Lewis (6-3, 225, R-So.)
- DT** 56 Gabe Hall (6-1, 288, Sr.)
- or- 98 Greg Billinger (6-2, 290, So.)
- DT** 54 THEO HORROCKS (6-3, 295, Sr.)
- 92 Brandon Holmes (6-3, 295, R-Jr.)
- DE** 89 Broderick Stewart (6-5, 225, R-So.)
- or- 95 Steven Stone (6-6, 255, R-So.)
- SLB** 24 MARCUS BUGGS (5-11, 235, R-Sr.)
- 52 Nate Campbell (6-3, 228, R-Fr.)
- MLB** 47 JONATHAN GOFF (6-4, 235, R-Sr.)
- 57 Chris Johnson (6-1, 230, R-So.)
- WLB** 35 Brandon Bryant (6-1, 230, R-So.)
- or- 30 Patrick Benoist (6-0, 215, So.)
- CB** 29 JOEL CALDWELL (6-1, 185, R-So.)
- or- 5 Myron Lewis (6-2, 195, So.)
- SS** 33 RESHARD LANGFORD (6-2, 215, R-Jr.)
- 41 Brent Trice (6-2, 205, So.)
- FS** 2 RYAN HAMILTON (6-1, 205, R-So.)
- 4 Roger Herndon (5-11, 200, So.)
- CB** 16 D.J. Moore (5-10, 175, So.)
- or- 14 Josh Allen (5-9, 182, R-Jr.)
- NB** 6 DARLRON SPEAD (5-10, 185, R-So.)
- 20 Jared Fagan (5-10, 180, R-Jr.)

THE COMMODORE SPECIALISTS

- PK** 8 BRYANT HAHNFELDT (5-11, 180, Jr.)
- P** 39 BRETT UPSON (5-10, 175, So.) -or-
- 8 Bryant Hahnfeldt (5-11, 180, Jr.)
- KO** 8 BRYANT HAHNFELDT (5-11, 180, Jr.)
- H** 9 MACKENZI ADAMS (6-2, 208, R-So.)
- 3 Chris Nickson (6-1, 210, R-Jr.)
- PR** 10 Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
- 26 Alex Washington (5-10, 180, R-So.)
- KR** 10 Earl Bennett (6-1, 202, Jr.)
- 14 Josh Allen (5-10, 182, R-Jr.)
- LS** 84 MATT QUINN (6-5, 220, So.)
- 75 Nick Miller (6-3, 250, R-So.)
- SN** 75 NICK MILLER (6-3, 250, R-So.)

* All players listed in ALL CAPS ended 2006 season as starters

Alphabetical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year/CL	Hometown/High School
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB	6-2	208	So.-1L	Tulsa, Okla./Union
83	Brad Allen	TE	6-4	240	Jr.-2L	Venice, Fla./Venice
14	Josh Allen	CB	5-9	182	Jr.-2L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
81	Bryant Anderson	WR	6-3	210	Jr.-2L	Roswell, Ga./Centennial
49	Bo Baggerley	LB	6-1	210	So.-SQ	Forsyth, Ga./Stratford Academy
71	Joey Bailey	OL	6-4	260	Fr.-RS	Trussville, Ala./Hewitt-Trussville
10	Earl Bennett	WR	6-1	202	Jr.-2L	Birmingham, Ala./West End
30	Patrick Benoist	LB	6-0	215	So.-1L	Southlake, Texas/Carroll Senior
98	Greg Billinger	DT	6-3	290	So.-1L	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview
85	Jake Bradford	TE	6-6	260	So.-1L	St. Simons Island, Ga./Glynn Acad.
89	Teriall Brannon	DE	6-3	230	Fr.-RS	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
67	Drew Brenk	OG	6-4	295	Fr.-RS	Needville, Texas/Needville
35	Brandon Bryant	LB	6-1	230	So.-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio/St. Xavier
32	Matt Bubis	FB	5-10	240	So.-SQ	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
24	Marcus Buggs	LB	5-11	235	Sr.-3L	Madison, Tenn./Goodpasture
29	Joel Caldwell	CB	6-1	185	So.-1L	Hoover, Ala./Hoover
52	Nathan Campbell	LB	6-3	228	Fr.-RS	Hazen, Ark./Hazen
50	Thomas Carroll	PK	5-9	165	So.-SQ	Columbus, Ga./Brookstone
73	Ryan Custer	OG	6-4	295	So.-1L	Troy, Ohio/Troy
99	Derrius Dowell	DT	6-3	280	So.-SQ	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
78	Josh Eames	OG	6-5	310	Sr.-3L	North Cape May, N.J./Lower Cape
20	Jared Fagan	CB	5-9	180	Jr.-2L	Waldorf, Md./Westlake
61	Nick Forte	OG	6-3	290	So.-SQ	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood Acad.
12	Jared Funk	QB	6-2	200	Fr.-RS	Long Grove, Ill./Saint Viator
62	Michael Garcia	LB	5-11	230	Fr.-RS	Jacksonville, Fla./Bolles School
70	Drew Gardner	OG	6-5	305	So.-1L	Hoxie, Ark./Hoxie
48	Curtis Gatewood	DE	6-3	245	Sr.-3L	Memphis, Tenn./White Station
47	Jonathan Goff	LB	6-4	235	Sr.-3L	Lynn, Mass./St. John's Prep
87	Steven Goulet	WR	6-2	180	Fr.-RS	Irmo, S.C./Dutch Fork
82	Justin Green	TE	6-7	230	Fr.-RS	Troy, Ala./Henderson
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	P/PK	5-11	180	Jr.-2L	Nashville, Tenn./Montgomery Bell
56	Gabe Hall	DT	6-1	288	Sr.-3L	Virginia Beach, Va./Fork Union
34	Marquez Hall	CB	5-9	165	Fr.-RS	Shorter, Ala./Booker T. Washington
2	Ryan Hamilton	S	6-1	205	So.-1L	Wycombe, Pa./Council Rock North
41	Ben Havrilesko	DB	5-10	180	So.-SQ	Winchester, Ky./Clark
31	Jared Hawkins	TB	5-10	192	So.-1L	Spring, Texas/Klein
66	Eric Hensley	OT	6-6	305	So.-1L	Clinton, Tenn./Clinton
4	Roger Herndon	S	5-11	200	So.-RS	Greenbrier, Tenn./Greenbrier
53	Hamilton Holliday	C	6-3	290	Sr.-3L	Marietta, Ga./Walton
92	Brandon Holmes	DT	6-3	295	Jr.-2L	Garland, Texas/Garland
54	Theo Horrocks	DT	6-3	295	Sr.-3L	Fayetteville, Tenn./Lincoln County
22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB	6-1	220	Sr.-3L	Knoxville, Tenn./Central
21	Jeff Jennings	TB	6-1	222	Jr.-2L	Dandridge, Tenn./Jefferson County
57	Chris Johnson	LB	6-1	230	So.-1L	Birmingham, Ala./Oak Mountain
64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG	6-5	315	Sr.-3L	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB	6-2	222	Sr.-1L	San Diego, Calif./St. Augustine
33	Reshard Langford	S	6-2	215	Jr.-2L	Tanner, Ala./Tanner
86	Reilly Lauer	TE	6-6	238	Fr.-RS	Gates Mills, Ohio/St. Ignatius
97	John Laughrey	K	6-0	180	Fr.-RS	McKenzie, Tenn./McKenzie
93	David Leinweber	DE	6-5	250	So.-SQ	Bloomington Hills, Mich./Kingswood
5	Myron Lewis	CB	6-2	195	So.-1L	Pompano Beach, Fla./Pom. Beach
51	Quavian Lewis	DE	6-3	225	So.-1L	Troy, Ala./Henderson
50	Kikko Logan	DE	6-2	230	Fr.-RS	Elba, Ala./Elba
27	Gaston Miller	TB	5-6	165	So.-1L	Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale
68	Nick Miller	OL	6-2	250	So.-1L	Matthews, N.C./East Mecklenburg
16	D.J. Moore	CB	5-10	175	So.-1L	Spartanburg, S.C./Broome
66*	Dom Morias	LB	6-0	218	Jr.-SQ	Dayton, Texas/Dayton
93	Austin Newton	LB	6-2	215	Fr.-RS	McDonough, Ga./Union Grove
3	Chris Nickson	QB	6-1	210	Jr.-2L	Brundidge, Ala./Pike County
5*	Sam Panke	DE	6-1	230	Fr.-RS	St. Louis, Mo./Watkins
84	Matt Quinn	SN	6-5	220	So.-1L	Wellford, S.C./Byrnes
47	Chris Reinart	WR	5-9	175	So.-1L	Santa Ana, Calif./Servite
28	Kennard Reeves	RB	5-11	195	Fr.-RS	Duluth, Ga./Duluth
18	Larry Simmons	WR	5-10	165	So.-SQ	Austin, Texas/Anderson

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Year/CL	Hometown/High School
88	George Smith	WR	6-3	195	Jr.-2L	Hollywood, Fla./Hollywood Hills
59	Adam Smotherman	DT	6-4	270	Fr.-RS	Smyrna, Tenn./Smyrna
6	Darlon Spead	CB	5-10	185	So.-1L	Kingsland, Ga./Camden Co.
72	Brian Stamper	OT	6-5	295	Sr.-3L	Windermere, Fla./Lake Highland
89	Broderick Stewart	DE	6-5	225	So.-1L	Newnan, Ga./Riverside Military
96	Steven Stone	DE	6-5	255	So.-1L	Conway, Ark./Conway
12	Alan Strong	CB	5-9	170	Fr.-RS	Atlanta, Ga./Douglass
41	Brett Trice	S	6-2	205	So.-1L	Orange, Va./Fork Union Military
39	Brett Upson	P	5-10	175	So.-1L	Griffin, Ga./Spalding
79	Ryan Vance	OG	6-3	280	So.-SQ	Bellaire, Texas/Episcopal
60	Bradley Vierling	C	6-4	295	So.-1L	Warminster, Pa./Central Bucks East
7	Sean Walker	WR	6-0	180	Jr.-2L	Louisville, Ga./Jefferson County
26	Alex Washington	WR	5-10	180	So.-1L	Stone Mountain, Ga./Stephenson
76	Thomas Welch	OT	6-6	280	So.-1L	Brentwood, Tenn./Brentwood
80	Justin Wheeler	WR	6-0	175	So.-1L	North Augusta, Ga./No. Augusta
44	David Whittington	DE	6-2	250	Jr.-2L	Lafayette, La./St. Thomas More
74	Chris Williams	OT	6-6	315	Sr.-2L	Glynn, La./Catholic
13	Turner Wimberly	WR	6-0	195	Fr.-RS	Austin, Texas/Hun School (N.J.)

Numerical Roster

2	Ryan Hamilton	SS		51	Quavian Lewis	DE
3	Chris Nickson	QB		52	Nathan Campbell	LB
4	Roger Herndon	FS		53	Hamilton Holliday	C
5	Myron Lewis	CB		54	Theo Horrocks	DE
5*	Sam Panke	DE		56	Gabe Hall	DT
6	Darlon Spead	CB		57	Chris Johnson	LB
7	Sean Walker	WR		59	Adam Smotherman	DT
8	Bryant Hahnfeldt	PK/P		60	Bradley Vierling	OL
9	Mackenzi Adams	QB		61	Nick Forte	OL
10	Earl Bennett	WR		62	Michael Garcia	LB
12	Jared Funk	QB		64	Merritt Kirchoffer	OG
12	Alan Strong	CB		66	Eric Hensley	OT
13	Turner Wimberly	WR		66*	Dom Morias	LB
14	Josh Allen	CB		67	Drew Brenk	OL
15	Richard Kovalcheck	QB		68	Nick Miller	OL
16	D.J. Moore	CB		70	Drew Gardner	OL
18	Larry Simmons	WR		71	Joey Bailey	OL
20	Jared Fagan	CB		72	Brian Stamper	OT
21	Jeff Jennings	TB		73	Ryan Custer	OL
22	Cassen Jackson-Garrison	TB		74	Chris Williams	OT
24	Marcus Buggs	LB		76	Thomas Welch	OT
26	Alex Washington	WR		78	Josh Eames	OT
27	Gaston Miller	TB		79	Ryan Vance	OL
28	Kennard Reeves	TB		80	Justin Wheeler	WR
29	Joel Caldwell	CB		81	Bryant Anderson	WR
30	Patrick Benoist	LB		82	Justin Green	TE
31	Jared Hawkins	TB		83	Brad Allen	TE
32	Matt Bubis	DB		84	Matt Quinn	SN
33	Reshard Langford	FS		85	Jake Bradford	TE
34	Marquez Hall	CB		86	Reilly Lauer	TE
35	Brandon Bryant	LB		87	Steven Goulet	WR
39	Brett Upson	P		88	George Smith	WR
41	Brett Trice	SS		89	Teriall Brannon	DE
41*	Ben Havrilesko	DB		90	Broderick Stewart	DE
44	David Whittington	FB		91	Austin Newton	DE
47	Jonathan Goff	LB		92	Brandon Holmes	DT
47*	Chris Reinart	WR		93	David Leinweber	DE
48	Curtis Gatewood	DE		96	Steven Stone	DE
49	Bo Baggerley	LB		97	John Laughrey	PK
50	Kikko Logan	DE		98	Greg Billinger	DT
50*	Thomas Carroll	PK		99	Derrius Dowell	DT

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Despite returning 17 starters from a year ago, Vanderbilt will go into Spring Practice "looking to put the best players on the field," Commodore Head Coach Bobby Johnson said.

"We have a lot of starters coming back this season, but we have to keep improving across the board. That's our No. 1 goal, to keep getting better in every phase with every practice," Johnson said. "The staff will be evaluating every area of our team, searching for the right combinations to make us better as we approach the 2007 season. We're committed to putting the best players on the field."

Johnson's Commodores return nine offensive starters, including such stand-outs as junior All-America wide receiver Earl Bennett, senior All-Southeastern Conference tackle Chris Williams and junior quarterback Chris Nickson. On defense, eight starters return, including a nucleus of three seniors – All-SEC linebacker Jonathan Goff, defensive tackle Theo Horrock and defensive end Curtis Gatewood – and juniors Marcus Buggs at linebacker and Reshard Langford at safety. Placekicker Bryant Hahnfeldt and punter Brett Upton also are back.

The Vanderbilt staff needs to identify two starters on the defensive line and at outside linebacker while continuing to build depth through the roster.

The Commodores open spring drills March 13. The team's featured spring practice, the Black & Gold Scrimmage, is free to the public on Saturday, March 31.

THE COMMODORE OFFENSE

QUARTERBACK: One year ago, the Commodores entered Spring Practice seeking to replace Jay Cutler, arguably the greatest player of the modern Vanderbilt football era, with an untested and unproven prospect. What a difference one year makes.

The Commodores enter spring drills in 2007 with the quarterback position looking like an area of strength.

Leading the signal callers into Spring Practice is redshirt junior **Chris Nickson** (6-1, 210), who put together a remarkable campaign in 2006 as a first-time starter with little game experience. All Nickson did was throw for 2,085 yards and 15 touchdowns, hitting nearly 55 percent of his passes, while

rushing for a team-high 694 yards and nine scores. Just three quarterbacks in Vanderbilt history have compiled more total yardage in a season than Nickson's 2,779-yard accumulation.

The coaches are looking for Nickson to take his game up a notch this spring. They're looking for veteran decision making from Nickson, better passing accuracy, fewer mistakes that lead to turnovers, and greater efficiency in short yardage and red-zone situations.

The quarterback competition features three other solid candidates: **Mackenzi Adams** (6-2, 208, R-So.), **Richard Kovalcheck** (6-2, 222, R-Sr.) and **Jared Funk** (6-2, 200, R-Fr.). One of the top athletes on the Commodore roster, Adams looked good in limited duty last year, showing an ability to manage the offense while producing yards equally with his arm and legs. Kovalcheck joined the Commodores in the 2006 preseason, transferring from the University of Arizona where he started games over portions of two varsity seasons. Kovalcheck might own the strongest and most accurate arm of the four quarterback prospects. Funk enters Spring Practice as the wild card, coming into the session strengthened by Vanderbilt's off-season conditioning program for redshirt freshmen and more familiar with the Commodore offense after a year in the program.

RUNNING BACKS: This should be an interesting Spring Practice for the Commodores' deep and talented running back corps.

While the two top performers from last year's one-back set return in **Cassen Jackson-Garrison** (6-1, 220, Sr.) and **Jared Hawkins** (5-10, 192), the most watched back might be a guy that didn't play last year, **Jeff Jennings** (6-1, 222, R-Jr.).

Jennings missed the entire 2006 season recuperating from a knee injury that occurred late in the 2005 season. Jennings has completed a rigorous rehabilitation, and looks ready to contend for the starting job he owned two years ago. If he is back to the Jennings of '05 form, the Commodores are simply a better team, no question. Each of Jennings' strengths – running downhill inside the tackles and on key third and short first-down plays, catching the football out of the backfield and blocking blitzing linebackers – were occa-

COMMODORES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



EARL BENNETT

Junior • Wide Receiver • 6-1, 202
Birmingham, Alabama

A first-team All-SEC pick and Rivals.com Third Team All-America in 2006, Bennett is the only receiver in SEC history to post two seasons with at least 75 catches. Achieved 82 receptions in '06.



CASSEN JACKSON-GARRISON

Senior • Tailback • 6-1, 220
Knoxville, Tennessee

Jackson-Garrison rushed for a single-season career high 614 yards in 2006 as a first-year starter. He has 13 career rushing touchdowns and a career 4.7-yard rushing average.



CHRIS NICKSON

Redshirt Junior • Quarterback • 6-1, 210
Brundidge, Alabama

A first-year starter in 2006, Nickson put together one of the finest years ever by a Vandy QB, throwing for 2,085 yards, rushing for a team-high 694 yards and compiling 2,779 total yards.

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sional problem areas with the Commodore attack last year. A healthy Jennings also pushes Jackson-Garrison and Hawkins to improve.

Jackson-Garrison started every game last year, showing plenty of grit by playing the season opener at Michigan less than three weeks after undergoing an emergency appendectomy. He set single-season career highs in rushing yards, attempts and receptions.

The powerful Hawkins was a productive rusher throughout his redshirt freshman campaign. He averaged nearly seven yards a carry, displaying an awesome ability to read teammates' blocks. Hawkins' game will expand as he becomes a more deft blocker in passing situations and a more dangerous receiving option out of the backfield.

Two other candidates at running back, **Gaston Miller** (5-7, 165, So.) and **Kennard Reeves** (5-11, 195, R-Fr.) will attempt to catch the eye of coaches this spring.

WIDE RECEIVERS: The wide receiving corps is topped by sophomore **Earl Bennett** (6-1, 202), the two-time All-Southeastern Conference recipient who is in the midst of a career that could go down as one of the finest in Vanderbilt and SEC history. Bennett racked up huge statistics for the second straight year in 2006 – 82 catches, 1,146 receiving yards, six touchdowns. As Bennett prepares for the 2007 opener, he stands just 48 receptions shy of the all-time SEC record.

Bennett is supported by **George Smith** (6-3, 195, R-Jr.) and **Sean Walker** (6-0, 180, R-Jr.). Smith averaged nearly 15 yards a catch as the team's No. 3 receiver in 2006 while Walker was one of the most pleasant Commodore surprises a year ago, catching 16 passes as a receiver and scoring a touchdown as a speedy specialist on reverses.

Bryant Anderson (6-3, 210, R-Jr.), **Alex Washington** (5-10, 180, R-So.) and **Justin Wheeler** (6-0, 180, R-So.) will get an opportunity this spring to showcase their receiving targets. Other prospects at wide receiver include **Larry Simmons** (5-10, 165, R-So.), **Chris Reinert** (5-9, 185, Jr.) and Steven Goulet (6-2, 180, R-Fr.).

TIGHT ENDS/H-BACK: **Brad Allen** (6-4, 240, R-Jr.) and **Jake Bradford** (6-

6, 260, R-So.) will compete for the starting tight end/H-back role this spring. Both saw quality playing time at the position last year.

The development of **Justin Green** (6-7, 230, R-Fr.) will be interesting to watch this spring. As Green matures, he offers options for the Commodore offense that are unique to the roster. Walk-on **Matt Bubis** (6-0, 240, Jr.) also will get spring repetitions at the H-back slot.

OFFENSIVE LINE: Despite the losses of versatile linemen Mac Pyle and Elliot Hood, the Commodores appear to have solid depth on the offensive front, especially if **Brian Stamper** (6-5, 295, R-Sr.) returns healthy following back surgery that came late in the 2006 season. With a productive Stamper, the Commodores could return five senior starters up front. Without Stamper, the squad will need a couple of newcomers to solidify the unit.

If Stamper returns to full health, Vanderbilt possesses a pair of superb book-end tacklers. Stamper earned second-team All-Southeastern Conference two years ago at right tackle. His counterpart across the line, **Chris Williams** (6-6, 315, R-Sr.), earned second-team All-SEC recognition last year and owns a rare blend of strength and agility to go with an excellent frame.

In the middle, the Commodores bring back durable **Hamilton Holliday** (6-3, 290, Sr.) at center. Holliday was one of the team's most pleasant surprises in 2006. As a first year starter who played virtually every offensive snap, Holliday was efficient as a blocker while making few mental errors.

Two redshirt seniors, **Merritt Kirchoffer** (6-5, 320) and **Josh Eames** (6-5, 310), started more than half of the 2006 season at left and right guard, respectively. Kirchoffer has the athleticism to be a standout and played well last year until suffering upper arm injuries midway through the season. Eames is arguably the best blocking technician on the line, but needs to come back from a late-season leg injury that forced him out of the lineup for nearly a month.

Two redshirt sophomores, **Brad Vierling** (6-3, 290) and **Ryan Custer** (6-4, 295), are versatile players with the ability to move into the starting lineup. Vierling has experience at guard and center, while Custer can play either guard slot, and could get a spring look across the line at defensive tackle.

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HAMILTON HOLLIDAY

Senior • Center • 6-3, 290
Roswell, Georgia

Holliday started every game as a junior center, becoming one of the Commodores' top performers on the offensive front. He is one of five potential senior starters on the '07 Vandy offensive line.



BRIAN STAMPER

Redshirt Senior • Off. Tackle • 6-5, 295
Windermere, Florida

Granted a medical redshirt after the '06 season, Stamper returns for a fifth year in '07. The captain was a three-year starter and 2006 All-SEC performer at offensive tackle.



CHRIS WILLIAMS

Redshirt Senior • Off. Tackle • 6-6, 315
Glynn, Louisiana

Williams blossomed into an outstanding player in 2006, earning coaches' second-team All-SEC recognition. At left tackle, Williams is responsible for protecting the quarterback's blindside.

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Two offensive line prospects to watch this spring are tackles **Thomas Welch** (6-6, 280, R-So.) and **Eric Hensley** (6-6, 305, R-So.). Welch is an athletic big man who decided to move from tight end last year to aid the Commodores' sagging depth up front. He enters Spring Practice 20 pounds heavier than a year ago, and much stronger off excellent off-season conditioning. Hensley also moved forward since the 2006 season, impressing strength coaches with his drive to improve in the weight room and on the practice field. Several other young prospects, including **Drew Gardner** (6-5, 305, R-So.), **Ryan Vance** (6-3, 280, R-So.) and walk-on **Nick Forte** (6-2, 290, So.), will try to show coaches this spring that they deserve consideration for playing time.

THE COMMODORE DEFENSE

TACKLES: The interior leader is **Theo Horrocks** (6-3, 295, Sr.), a two-year starter and one of the most productive Commodore tackles in several years. The All-Southeastern Conference caliber Horrocks goes as hard as he can every snap, and continues to improve with each season. Last year, he posted career numbers in virtually every statistical category, ranking among the team leaders in forced fumbles, sacks, tackles for loss and total tackles. Horrocks also was a workhorse inside, playing more than 90 percent of the defensive snaps.

The coaching staff will use spring drills to evaluate several candidates hoping to replace graduated Ray Brown as the tackle slot next to Horrocks. **Gabe Hall** (6-1, 288, Sr.), one of the strongest players on the Vanderbilt roster, and **Greg Billinger** (6-3, 290, So.) are the most likely prospects to earn the opening. Hall played well for the Commodores early in the 2006 season only to become limited by injuries as the season wore on. With Hall sidelined, the inexperienced Billinger moved into a role spelling Brown.

Two other returnees, **Brandon Holmes** (6-4, 295, R-Jr.) and **Derrius Dowell** (6-3, 280, R-So.) have a chance to secure playing time this spring.

DEFENSIVE ENDS: **Curtis Gatewood** (6-3, 245, R-Sr.) is back after posting a superb season last year as a first-year starter. Gatewood displayed an off-the-edge quickness and toughness to take on 300-pound tackles as a junior,

exiting the season with seven sacks, three forced fumbles and 36 solo tackles. Gatewood is positioned for All-SEC consideration if he continues to improve.

Across from Gatewood, Commodore coaches need to identify a replacement for graduate starter Chris Booker this spring. A pair of talented redshirt sophomores, **Broderick Stewart** (6-5, 225) and **Steven Stone** (6-6, 255), are expected to compete for the starting role. Stewart was a big-play specialist last year, contributing five sacks while Stone produced 6.5 tackles for loss among his 24 total tackles.

David Whittington (6-2, 250, R-Jr.) and a pair of former linebackers, **Quavian Lewis** (6-3, 225, R-So.), **Terrial Brannon** (6-3, 230, R-Fr.) and **Kikko Logan** (6-2, 230, R-Fr.), will get a chance in spring drills to make their case for playing time at defensive end. Walk-on **David Leinweber** (6-5, 250, Jr.) also will get repetitions.

LINEBACKERS: All-America candidate **Jonathan Goff** (6-4, 235, R-Sr.) is a physical presence for the Commodores from his middle linebacker position and one of the top defensive players in the Southeastern Conference. Goff and strongside linebacker **Marcus Buggs** (5-11, 235, R-Sr.) give the squad a pair of solid performers and excellent leaders returning for their final year wearing black and gold.

Goff, highly regarded by NFL draft experts, continues the superb Commodore tradition at linebacker, and enters 2007 having started 27 consecutive games. Goff is the Commodores' active career leader with 194 total tackles. Goff enters spring drills in superb condition, five pounds lighter than a year ago.

Buggs became a vocal leader and impact hitter as a first-year starter in 2006. He should continue to blossom, and like Goff, serves as an excellent example at practice for the more inexperienced linebackers.

One of the top items this spring will be the competition to replace graduated Kevin Joyce at weakside linebacker. The staff will evaluate several candidates, including **Brandon Bryant** (6-1, 230, R-So.), **Patrick Benoist** (6-0, 215, So.), **Chris Johnson** (6-1, 230, R-So.), **Nathan Campbell** (6-3, 228, R-Fr.) and **Austin Newton** (6-2, 215, R-Fr.). The athletic Bryant contributed 18 tackles in a reserve role last year while Benoist was creating a key role for himself

COMMODORES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



CURTIS GATEWOOD

**Redshirt Senior • Def. End • 6-3, 245
Memphis, Tennessee**

Gatewood had a break through year in 2006, ranking among the SEC's Top 10 with seven quarterback sacks. He also contributed three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.



THEO HORROCKS

**Senior • Defensive Tackle • 6-3, 295
Fayetteville, Tennessee**

Horrocks had his best season in 2006, ranking among the SEC defensive tackle leaders with four forced fumbles, five quarterback sacks and 49 total tackles.



JONATHAN GOFF

**Redshirt Senior • Linebacker • 6-4, 235
Lynn, Massachusetts**

A second-team All-SEC pick in 2006 who has started 27 straight games, Goff ranks among the SEC's top active tacklers. Goff has 141 solo tackles for his credit entering his final season.

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as a freshman in 2006 before missing the last five games to injury. Johnson enters spring drills needing a strong showing to propel his Commodore career forward while the coaches were impressed with the practice abilities of Campbell and Newton as redshirt freshmen last year. Others, including walk-ons **Dom Morais** (5-11, 220, Sr.), and **Bo Baggarley** (6-1, 210, Jr.), also will compete this spring for playing time next fall.

SAFETIES: Vanderbilt returns an excellent young starting pair of safeties, but need to identify more depth at the position in spring drills.

The leader is two-year starting strong safety **Reshard Langford** (6-2, 215, R-Jr.), an All-Southeastern Conference caliber player who blends a knack for the football with a hard-hitting style rarely witnessed on the Commodore campus. Langford also gives the secondary an outstanding field leader.

Ryan Hamilton (6-1, 205, R-So.) returns after earning a starting job at free safety in '06. Hamilton struggled in the early season, learned from his mistakes, and became a solid contributor in the second half of the season.

The staff expects **Brent Trice** (6-2, 205, So.) to blossom in his first Spring Practice. The physical Trice worked his way into a second-team playing role behind Langford as a true freshman.

The Commodores lack experience behind Langford, Hamilton and Trice, and will look to walk-on **Roger Herndon** (5-11, 200, R-So.) and perhaps a player with cornerback experience to accept a bigger role at safety.

CORNERBACKS: One of the Commodores' deepest positions, five young cornerbacks with a bounty of experience are back vying for playing time this spring, along with three solid untested prospects.

Both starters from a year ago, **D.J. Moore** (5-10, 175, So.) and **Joel Caldwell** (6-1, 185, R-So.), are back after getting a taste of Southeastern Conference intensity as freshmen performers. While Moore and Caldwell periodically struggled in their initial year, each showed plenty of talent and should improve substantially in their second year of action. The Commodores also return two experienced redshirt juniors, **Josh Allen** (5-9, 182) and **Jared Fagan** (5-9, 180). Allen finished the 2006 season back in the starting lineup while Fagan's minutes increased as the season endured.

The Commodores' experienced cornerbacks will be pushed by a trio of largely talented newcomers. **Myron Lewis** (6-2, 195, So.) showed talent in a limited role last year, and could blossom as he competes for more time this spring. A pair of redshirt freshmen, **Marquez Hall** (5-9, 165) and **Alan Strong** (5-9, 175), impressed coaches and teammates on the practice field last year and enter Spring Practice with the benefit of an excellent off-season conditioning effort.

Darlron Spead (5-10, 185, R-So.), a superb open-field tackler, was the Commodores' top nickelback from a year ago. He could be limited as spring drills open recuperating from an off-season knee procedure.

THE COMMODORE SPECIAL TEAMS

With experienced performers returning at virtually every position, Vanderbilt needs special teams to become an area of strength if the squad plans to improve of its 4-8 season from a year ago.

PLACEKICKERS: The Commodores return a two-year starter **Bryant Hahnfeldt** (5-11, 180). The junior struggled at times last year, making eight of 17 field goals, but came back just nine months after undergoing knee surgery. With the injury another year in the past, Hahnfeldt enters Spring Practice more confident and stronger than a year ago.

Hahnfeldt is the only Commodore kicking prospect with collegiate experience. Other kicking candidates include walk-ons **Thomas Carroll** (5-9, 165, R-So.) and **John Laughrey** (6-0, 180, R-Fr.).

PUNTERS: Sophomore **Brett Upson** (5-10, 175) is back after serving as the team's No. 1 punter as a true freshman. The first-year experience should help Upson, who started strongly only to slump toward the end of the year. One of Upson's top assets last year with solid hang time, with opponents averaging less than six yards per return.

Upson's main competition could come from Hahnfeldt, who was the Commodores' primary punter as a freshman in 2005 before suffering the knee injury.

COMMODORES IN THE SPOTLIGHT



MARCUS BUGGS

**Redshirt Senior • Linebacker • 5-11, 235
Madison, Tennessee**

Buggs was one of the Commodores' most active defenders as a first-year starter in 2006, contributing a team-high 10.5 tackles for loss. He also was third on the team with 40 solo tackles.



RESHARD LANGFORD

**Redshirt Junior • Safety • 6-2, 215
Tanner, Alabama**

A unanimous All-SEC Freshman pick by coaches in 2005, the physical Langford played through injuries last year to top the Commodore secondary with three interceptions and 51 total tackles.



BRYANT HAHNFELDT

**Junior • Kicker • 5-11, 180
Nashville Tennessee**

Hahnfeldt showed plenty of heart in 2006, kicking eight field goals, including a career-long boot of 51 yards, just nine months after undergoing knee surgery.

Head Coach Bobby Johnson

As Bobby Johnson enters his sixth Spring Practice at Vanderbilt, his personal commitment to character, integrity, effort and playing the game of football with passion has become a focus of the Commodore program.

In five years, Johnson has directed a transformation of the program that has the student-athletes of Vanderbilt football positioned to succeed on and off the playing field. In the last two years, Johnson's squad has been more competitive than Commodore teams in nearly a decade. Though his last two teams narrowly missed bowl appearances, they did garner nine victories, including road wins at three of the Southeastern Conference's toughest venues – Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia.

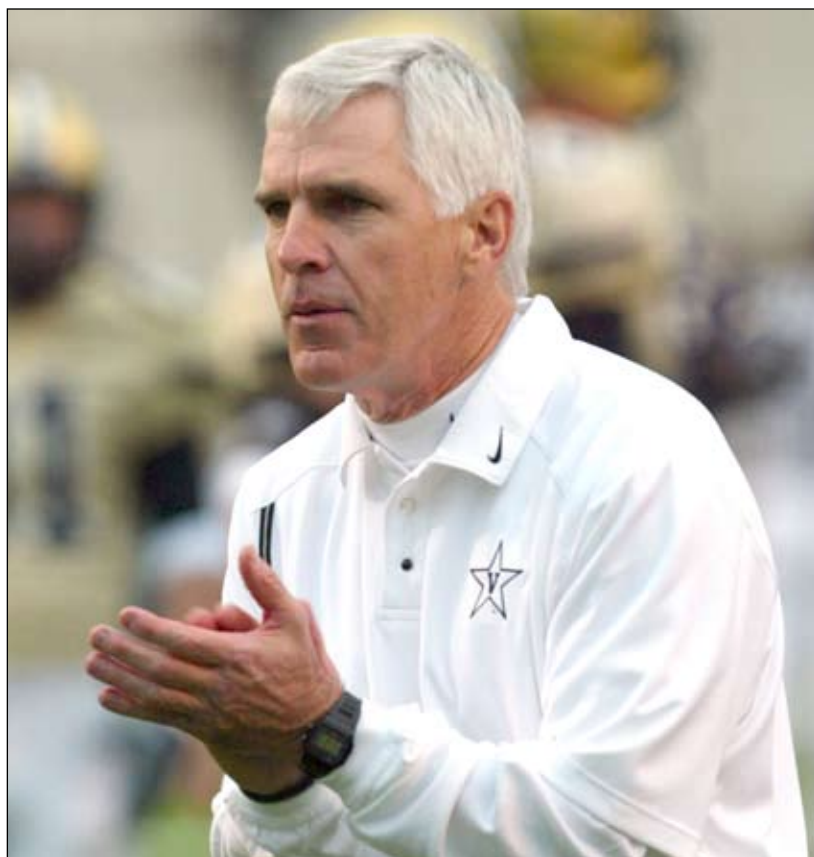
As Johnson continues to reshape the program, his impact on the 2007 squad will be more pronounced than ever before. The team, through Johnson's recruiting effort and a systematic program aimed at fully developing each student-athlete, is becoming the type of squad Johnson believes can compete effectively and consistently in one of America's premier conferences.

Nothing short of reaching that standard will satisfy Bobby Johnson, one of the NCAA's most highly respected coaches. Johnson expects a winner, on and off the football field. And he expects his players to believe they can achieve success, on and off the field.

Six years ago, Johnson walked onto the Vanderbilt campus after leading his Furman squad to the NCAA I-AA national championship game. When he accepted the Vanderbilt position, he came with a plan for success, built on the belief that the Commodores would succeed competitively only if each student-athlete, coach and member of the Vanderbilt football family worked to get better each day. Johnson's plan for success placed as much emphasis on coaches' effort in recruiting as it did players' conditioning – everyone associated with the program had to get better.

Johnson's plan is showing dividends. The Commodore coaching staff, from coordinators to strength staff, almost mirrors the group Johnson selected in his first months on campus. When the only two coaching vacancies during Johnson's tenure became available, he acted quickly to attract highly qualified replacements in offensive assistant Kenny Carter from Penn State and defensive line specialist Rick Logo from Troy. Last year, he expanded the roles of four current members of the staff. With head conditioning coach John Sisk, Johnson has witnessed a revival of the Commodores conditioning program. An expansion in facility upgrades is occurring. The Vanderbilt locker room and adjoining Corridor of Captains is a showcase for both players and visitors. Commodore student-athletes lift weights and practice in state-of-the-art facilities that did not exist prior to Johnson's arrival at Vanderbilt. The head coach has even enhanced the way players and coaches study game film by installing the latest in video and computer technologies.

The goal of winning football games at Vanderbilt is a formidable task for any coach. In 2005, Johnson directed his Commodores to their best record in years. The squad's five victories, which included three on the road, were the most by a Vanderbilt squad in seven seasons. Three wins in SEC play were the most by a Vanderbilt team since the league went to divisional play in 1992. Last year, Commodore fans watched their team play eventual national Florida, SEC West champion Arkansas and Alabama toe-to-toe, then go to Athens, Ga., and earn a thrilling win in front of 92,000 Georgia fans.



Bobby Johnson enters his sixth Spring Practice directing the Commodores.

Johnson believes that better times are ahead for his Commodores.

College football observers are taking notice of Johnson's efforts. Several Commodores are earning individual accolades. Three current Commodore starters, including All-America wide receiver Earl Bennett, earned All-SEC recognition last year. Experts believe Bennett, senior linebacker Jonathan Goff and senior offensive tackle Chris Williams may be among the nation's elite at their positions. In 2005, four-year starting quarterback Jay Cutler rewrote Vanderbilt record books, and eventually became the No. 11 overall pick of the Denver Broncos. Last year, Chris Nickson put together one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore signal caller following Cutler, the 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year.

In his five-year tenure, Johnson's mentoring and straight-forward approach has had a positive impact on the Vanderbilt student-athletes, both on and off the field. Under Johnson, nine Commodores have earned All-SEC recognition. Johnson has produced 11 freshmen All-SEC selections, including Vanderbilt's first SEC Freshman of the Year in 2002. Off the field, the Commodores lead the conference in Academic Honor Roll recognition, with more than 20 earning that recognition last year. In recent years, cornerback Andrew Pace and fullback Clark Lea have been nominated for national awards. In 2002, linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer earned the prestigious National Scholar Athlete Award.

The national media have taken notice of Johnson's tenure at Vanderbilt. Last year, Johnson's Commodores opened the college football season for ESPN, traveling to Ann Arbor to play nationally regarded Michigan. In the last two years, 10 Vanderbilt games have been regionally or nationally televised. Numerous media outlets, from the *New York Times* and *Atlanta Journal*

Head Coach Bobby Johnson



The nation is taking notice of Johnson's Commodores. In 2006, Vanderbilt opened ESPN's college football coverage against Michigan.

Constitution to ESPN's SportsCenter and College Football GameDay, have featured the Commodores' progress and Johnson's approach to coaching.

The South Carolina native arrived at Vanderbilt in December 2001 from Furman University, armed with the ideal combination of professional success and personal well-being to turn the Commodores into winners. He left few accomplishments unfulfilled at Furman.

During an eight-year reign as head coach, Johnson guided the Paladins to a 60-36 overall record, a NCAA I-AA national runner-up finish, four NCAA appearances and a pair of Southern Conference titles. He mentored an abundance of All-Americans, including 2000 Walter Payton Award winner Louis Ivory.

Johnson directed Furman to the pinnacle of success in 2001, culminating a tremendous rebuilding job by the head coach. The Paladins claimed a share of the Southern Conference, then scored three playoff wins to reach the I-AA national championship for the first time since 1988. In his last game directing the Paladins, Furman narrowly fell to No. 1 ranked Montana in the I-AA national title game.

Johnson's professional reputation is built on years of squeezing the most out of his players' abilities while urging them to put forth maximum effort on and off the field. His career has included roles as an academic advisor and admission office liaison. Academic achievement by his players remains a key element of his philosophy.

Johnson's coaching career, which covers 30 years, began in 1976 as defensive ends coach at Furman. In 1980, Johnson left the university to serve as an academic counselor at his alma mater, Clemson, but he returned

to Furman the following year. In 1983, he added the responsibility of defensive coordinator. In 1993, he accepted a similar position at Clemson. During his tenure as defensive coordinator at Furman, the Paladins were 91-31-3, claimed

five conference crowns and registered eight I-AA Top 20 final rankings. In his only season at Clemson, his strong Tiger defense helped deliver a Peach Bowl victory, though he left the team prior to the bowl to accept the head coaching job at Furman.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Johnson starred as a football, baseball and basketball player at Eau Claire High School. He continue playing at Clemson, where he lettered three years as a receiver and cornerback.

He graduated from Clemson 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.

THE BOBBY JOHNSON FILE

COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	RECORD
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
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
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

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

- ★ Overall Head Coaching Record of 75-79 in nine seasons
- ★ 2001 I-AA National Coach of the Year at Furman
- ★ Three-Year I-AA Region II Coach of the Year

PLAYING CAREER

COLLEGE:	HIGH SCHOOL:
Clemson (1969-72)	Eau Claire (S.C.) HS (1965-68)

Assistant Coaches

Warren Belin

ALMA MATER: WAKE FOREST

**POSITIONS: SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR;
LINEBACKERS**

YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6

Warren Belin, a 18-year veteran of collegiate coaching, enters his sixth year mentoring the Commodores' linebacking corps. Prior to the 2006 season, Belin also added Special Teams Coordinator responsibilities to his duties.

In each of Belin's years with the Commodores, he has coached stellar linebackers. Last year, his junior pupil Jonathan Goff ranked among the Southeastern Conference leaders in several defensive categories. Goff also was an All-SEC freshman selection in 2004. Outside linebacker Moses Osemwegie was named first team All-SEC by the coaches' in 2004 and 2005, finishing his collegiate career as the league's active leading tackler. Before that, middle linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer earned the National Student Athlete Award while leading the SEC in tackles and winning all-league honors. Last winter, Hillenmeyer started for the Chicago Bears in the Super Bowl.

Belin came to Vanderbilt from SMU, where he continued the school's strong linebacking reputation. At least one Mustang linebacker was named All-Western Athletic Conference each year of Belin's service. Three pupils - Vic Viloria, Jason Simonton and Chris Bordano - were named All-WAC linebackers during Belin's tenure. Bordano was drafted by the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

Prior to joining SMU, Belin worked as an defensive assistant at William & Mary, serving as defensive line coach in 1995 and linebackers coach in 1996. He also served three years as a linebackers coach at Cornell (1991, 1993-94) and a year as linebackers coach at East Tennessee State in 1992.

A native of Marshville, North Carolina, Belin was a three-year starter and four-year letter winner at Wake Forest from 1987-90. He earned a bachelor's degree in Health and Sports Science from Wake Forest, graduating cum laude. He was named to the Atlantic Coast Conference All-Academic Team in 1990, and was a two-time ACC Academic Honor Roll recipient. Belin is active in FCA.

Belin is married to the former Yolanda Taylor. They are the parents of a daughter, Camryn, 5; and 2-year-old twin daughters, Morgan and MacKenzi.

Jamie Bryant

ALMA MATER: OHIO WESLEYAN

POSITION: SECONDARY

YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6

Jamie Bryant is in his sixth year as the defensive secondary coach for the Commodores.

He joined the Vanderbilt staff after serving a year at the University of North Carolina.

Bryant's secondary personnel is headed by junior safety Reshard Langford, a defensive team leader and 2005 Freshman All-Southeastern Conference pick.

In 2006, Bryant's secondary was one of the nation's youngest corps, featuring a sophomore (Langford) and three freshmen starters. In multi-wide receiver formulations, the Commodore nickelback was another freshman.

Despite the youth, Bryant had the unit ranked among the SEC leaders in pass defense for much of the season.

Bryant, 36, came to Vanderbilt after working one season at North Carolina with current Commodore assistant head coach and offensive line coach Robbie Caldwell.

Bryant assisted at UNC after serving a year at St. Francis (Pa.) University. His coaching career also includes a three-year stint at Clarion (Pa.) University and five years of high school experience.

The Tar Heels finished strong in 2001, using an aggressive defense to win seven of their final nine regular season games and the Peach Bowl over Auburn, 16-10. The Tar Heels ranked first in the ACC - and 15th nationally - in total defense. They also topped the conference in pass efficiency defense.

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

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

From 1992-96, Bryant coached at three Ohio high schools, including a three-year stint as head coach at East Clinton High.

Bryant, native of Fredericktown, Ohio, was a three-year letterman at Ohio Wesleyan, graduating in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in economics management.

He and his wife, Elisa, are the parents of a 1-year son, Luke.

Ted Cain

ALMA MATER: FURMAN

POSITION: OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR

YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6

Ted Cain, a former assistant at Furman and I-AA head coach with 29 years of coaching experience, serves as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach for the Commodores. The first assistant hired by Bobby Johnson at Vanderbilt, Cain enters his sixth year on the staff.

Cain's tenure at Vanderbilt has produced some of the most potent offenses in Commodore history. The 2005 offense, directed by current Denver Bronco QB Jay Cutler, produced more points and first downs than any Commodore offense in the last three decades. The team's 395-yard total offense average has been bettered only once since World War II. Last year, the offense continued to develop under first-year starting quarterback Chris Nickson. One of the chief beneficiaries of the scheme has been junior receiver Earl Bennett, who enters the 2007 campaign needing less than 50 receptions to become the SEC's all-time leader.

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

Cain was a three-year letterman at tight end for Furman. After serving a two-year term as an U.S. Army second lieutenant, Cain began his coaching career as outside linebackers coach at Furman in 1977. The next year, he moved across the line of scrimmage, coordinating the Furman passing game and receivers. He continued in that capacity for eight years, playing a key role in helping Furman produce a 69-23-2 overall record.

The success at Furman led to Cain's move to North Carolina State in 1986. While serving as offensive coordinator and tight ends coach with the Wolfpack, Cain directed seven of the top 10 passing seasons in North Carolina State history.

In 1997, Cain accepted his first head coaching job at Virginia Military Institute. Although there just two seasons, Cain worked to improve facilities and renew a commitment to strength training. Cain rekindled his relationship with Furman in 1999. Since the return, Furman went 30-9, and won a pair of conference titles.

Cain earned a bachelor's degree in geology and a master's in education from Furman.

Cain and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two children: Matt, 24, a Commodore offensive graduate assistant coach; and Erin, 21, a junior at Furman.

Assistant Coaches

Kenny Carter

ALMA MATER: CITADEL

**POSITIONS: RECRUITING COORDINATOR/
RUNNING BACKS
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 4**

Kenny Carter enters his fourth year on the Vanderbilt staff as running backs coach.

In 2006, Carter accepted a larger role on the coaching staff, becoming the recruiting coordinator.

Last year, Carter mentored tailbacks Cassen Jackson-Garrison and Jared Hawkins, who combined for more than 900 rushing yards and eight touchdowns from the Commodores' one-back set.

In 2005, he coached a youthful running back corps that included sophomore starter Jeff Jennings and Jackson-Garrison. Carter also directed the coaching of Steven Bright, who moved from quarterback to fullback/H-back. Bright become one of the Commodores' top offensive weapons as an aerial target out of the backfield. Jennings missed the 2006 season recuperating from a knee injury.

Carter joined Vanderbilt after coaching receivers at Penn State under legendary coach Joe Paterno. At Penn State, Carter was instrumental in the development of Bryant Johnson, a first-team All-Big Ten pick in 2002 and eventual first-round 2003 NFL draft choice of the Cardinals. Johnson ranks second all-time at Penn State with 2,008 career receiving yards and is fourth with 110 career receptions.

He has also served on coaching staffs at the University of Pittsburgh, LSU and the Citadel in addition to his tenure at Penn State.

Carter guided running backs at Pittsburgh under head coach Walt Harris, mentoring Kevan Barlow and Nick Goins. Barlow is a starter for the San Francisco 49ers while Goins started with the Carolina Panthers. Carter worked in the SEC in 1999, coaching outside linebackers at LSU.

A native of Camden, S.C., Carter served as a tight ends assistant at Furman in 1993, three years after graduating from the Citadel in Charleston. He returned to his alma mater in 1994, coaching there until joining the LSU staff. Carter served as assistant head coach at the Citadel during his tenure.

Carter is married to the former Bonnie Bridges. They are the parents of two children: Brey, 20, a sophomore at the Citadel, and Kennedy, 11.

Robbie Caldwell

ALMA MATER: FURMAN

**POSITIONS: ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/
OFFENSIVE LINE
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6**

Caldwell, a 30-year veteran of the collegiate coaching ranks, serves as Vanderbilt's assistant head coach and offensive line mentor. He enters his sixth year as a key member of the Commodore coaching staff.

In 2006, Caldwell patched together a youthful line corps decimated by injuries into a cohesive unit that allowed just 19 quarterback sacks on the season. He also mentored two of the SEC's brightest line products for 2007 in tackle Chris Williams and center Trey Holliday.

In 2005, Caldwell's unit provided solid protection for SEC Player of the Year Jay Cutler. The 2005 offense ranks among the all-time finest units to wear the Vanderbilt Black and Gold colors in terms of points, first downs and total offense. In 2004, Caldwell worked with All-SEC lineman Justin Geisinger, currently a member of the Tennessee Titans.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Caldwell, 52, served two years at North Carolina and 14 years at North Carolina State. His ties with Coach Johnson date back to his playing days and first coaching positions at Furman University.

At North Carolina State, Caldwell tutored the offensive line for 11 years, then had the added responsibility of assistant head coach from 1997-99. Caldwell coached 14 Wolfpack linemen to all All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors, and helped guide six of the top 10 total offenses in North Carolina State history.

Prior to joining the North Carolina State staff, Caldwell coached the offensive line at Furman from 1978-85, and served the university as a graduate assistant in 1976. He coached football and baseball at Hanahan (S.C.) H.S. in 1977.

At Furman, Caldwell coached six Southern Conference champion teams, including the national runnerup in 1985. Eight of his pupils at Furman were named first-team All-Southern Conference, and five captured the conference's Jacobs Blocking Award during his tenure.

Caldwell, a native of Pageland, S.C., was a three-year letterman at center for Furman, and was named the team's MVP in 1975. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in health and physical education in 1976.

Caldwell is married to the former Nora Lynn Lassister of Arlington, Va. They are the parents of a daughter, Emsley, 12.

Charlie Fisher

ALMA MATER: SPRINGFIELD

**POSITIONS: PASSING GAME CO-COORDINATOR;
WIDE RECEIVERS
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6**

Charlie Fisher, a former Division II head coach, enters his fourth season working with Commodore wide receivers and sixth year on the Vanderbilt staff. In 2006, Coach Johnson awarded Fisher's effort by adding the title of Passing Game Co-Coordinator.

In 2005 and 2006, Fisher has mentored wide receiver Earl Bennett to unprecedented campaigns. Twice named first team All-Southeastern Conference, Bennett caught 82 passes in 2006, second most in Vanderbilt history and earned the distinction of becoming the first receiver in SEC history to post two seasons of at least 75 receptions. In 2005, Bennett put together one of the greatest freshman receiving campaigns in league history, breaking the SEC freshman mark with 82 catches. He also set an abundance of freshman team marks.

Fisher's 2006 receiving corps included three others – Marlon White, George Smith and Sean Walker – with at least 16 catches.

In 2002-03, Fisher mentored Commodore running backs.

Prior to joining the Commodores, Fisher served two years as offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at Temple.

Fisher also was successful during a two-year stint tutoring wide receivers at North Carolina State. The Wolfpack passing attack led the ACC and ranked ninth nationally in 1998, averaging 309 yards per game.

Fisher's coaching background includes a successful tenure as head coach of West Georgia State prior to moving to North Carolina State. From 1993-97, Fisher guided the Braves to a 36-17 overall record, the highest five-year winning percentage in school history. He began his tenure at West Georgia as offensive coordinator in 1991. From 1985-1990, Fisher served as a position coach, and eventually, offensive coordinator at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College.

Fisher played from 1977-80 at Springfield (Mass.) College. He also lettered as a shortstop in baseball. He earned a degree in physical education. Fisher earned a master's in sports management from Eastern Kentucky in 1984.

Fisher is married to the former Julie Shaffer of Watsonstown, Pa. They are the parents of two sons: Brian, 18, and Brett, 12.

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Bruce Fowler

ALMA MATER: FURMAN
POSITION: DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6

Bruce Fowler, a long-time assistant for Coach Johnson, is in his sixth season as the Commodore defensive coordinator. In 2006, he also assisted new line coach Rick Logo with defensive ends.

Under Fowler's direction in 2006, the Commodore defense forced opponents to average fewer points, first downs and total yardage than the previous year. The unit ranked favorably with their Southeastern Conference's counterparts until late in the season when injuries took its toll on the Commodores' defensive personnel.

Fowler, 47, served as Bobby Johnson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Furman prior to joining the coach at Vanderbilt. Their relationship on the field dates to the late 1970s when Johnson was Fowler's position coach at Furman.

Fowler, a Cincinnati native, served 16 seasons on the Furman coaching staff after starting as a graduate assistant in 1984. His coaching responsibilities continuously progressed during his tenure at Furman. For the last three years, Fowler was defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Paladins. He mentored Furman All-American Will Bouton, the Southern Conference defensive player-of-the-year in 2000. Since 1999, the Furman defense has played a crucial role in the Paladins' 30-9 overall record, two conference championships, three consecutive NCAA playoff appearances and an I-AA national runner-up finish last year.

Prior to coaching Paladin linebackers, Fowler directed the Furman secondary for six years, coaching six All-Southern Conference performers, including consensus All-America safety and current 49er John Keith. Fowler moved to the Furman defensive staff after serving several years as an offensive assistant for receivers.

Fowler earned two varsity letters at Furman. He was a member of the Paladins' first Southern conference championship team in 1978, started in the defensive secondary in 1979, and played on Furman's 1980 conference champion. He earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and master's degree in physical education from Furman.

Fowler is married to the former Lindy Gilman. They are the parents of a son, Jake, 12, and daughter, Madison, 10.

Jimmy Kiser

ALMA MATER: FURMAN
POSITIONS: PASSING GAME CO-COORDINATOR;
QUARTERBACKS
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 6

Jimmy Kiser brings more than two decades of collegiate coaching experience to the Vanderbilt staff. He is in his sixth year as quarterback coach and added the title of Passing Game Co-Coordinator in 2006.

Best known as the mentor of former Vanderbilt standout quarterback Jay Cutler, Kiser did another superb job in 2006 coaching first-year starter Chris Nickson. With little experience entering the season, Nickson put together one of the finest campaigns ever by a Commodore signal caller, passing for nearly 2,100 yards and 15 touchdowns while accumulating more than 2,700 yards of total offense.

Cutler, mentored by Kiser in each of his four playing years at Vanderbilt, became the all-time leader in virtually every Commodore passing category. He earned SEC Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-SEC honors in 2006, and was selected 11th overall in the NFL Draft by Denver.

A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Kiser served as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Richmond in 2001, and as quarterbacks coach at Memphis in 2000. Previously, he served more than a decade at North Carolina State.

Kiser, 49, started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Furman. After coaching three years at Dunwoody (Ga.) High School, Kiser worked two years at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College, serving as offensive coordinator.

In 1986, Kiser joined the North Carolina State, serving as receivers coach (1986-95), quarterbacks and receivers coach (1996) and offensive coordinator (1997-99). In 1997, North Carolina State ranked second in total offense in the Atlantic Coast Conference, then led the conference in passing offense and total offense the next year.

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

Kiser won four varsity letters at Furman, graduating in 1979. He was named All-Southern Conference as a wide receiver as a senior. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration, graduating cum laude. In 1982, Kiser earned a master's from the Clemson/Furman joint MBA program.

Kiser and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four children: Anna Lee, 19, Jodi 18, Jamie, 16, and Kelly, 6.

Rick Logo

ALMA MATER: NORTH CAROLINA STATE
POSITION: DEFENSIVE LINE
YEARS AT VANDERBILT: 2

Rick Logo is the newest member of the Vanderbilt coaching staff, entering his second year as the Commodores' defensive line coach.

Logo came to Vanderbilt from Troy (Ala.) University where he formerly served as co-defensive coordinator.

In 2006, two of Logo's pupils at tackle, senior Ray Brown and junior Theo Horrocks, put together career years for the Commodore defensive unit. Horrocks ranked among team leaders in several categories, including total tackles, tackles for loss, sacks and quarterback hurries. He shared the SEC lead with four forced fumbles. Brown prospered in his first injury-free season, contributing 36 tackles and a pair of tackles for loss. Junior defensive end Curtis Gatewood was sensational in a breakout campaign that included seven sacks, eight tackles for loss, three forced fumbles and 49 total tackles.

In 2005, Logo served as co-defensive coordinator and defensive tackles coach for Larry Blakeney's Trojan staff. Logo mentored Troy's defensive line from 2002-2004, a tenure that culminated in the Trojans' Silicon Valley Bowl appearance. Logo mentored three Trojan linemen who signed NFL contracts as a coach at Troy.

He joined Troy following one year at Western Carolina where he served as assistant head coach and defensive line coach. Before that, he worked seven years 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 three current Commodore coaches – assistant head coach Robbie Caldwell, offensive coordinator Ted Cain and quarterbacks coach Jimmy Kiser.

Logo was an All-SEC and third-team All-America recipient at N.C. State, helping the Wolfpack to four consecutive bowls appearances.

After graduating from N.C. State in 1992 with a degree in sociology, Logo signed a free-agent contract with the Detroit Lions but suffered a career-ending injury during his first season.

Logo is a 1988 graduate of Spencer High School in Columbus, Ga., where he was a stand-out in football, wrestling and track and field. At Spencer, Logo earned all-state honors in his junior and senior seasons in football.

Logo is married to the former Folole Falefia.

Commodore Returnees

Mackenzi Adams

R-So., Quarterback, 6-2, 208

Tulsa, Okla. • Union H.S.

2006 In first year of varsity action, played in every game... Served as the team's primary holder in placekicking situations and the No. 2 quarterback behind starter Chris Nickson... Played three games at quarterback, including most of the Commodores' road contest at Ole Miss... Subbing for Nickson in Oxford, Adams threw for 176 yards and ran for 51 yards... Also saw action at quarterback in wins over Tennessee State and Duke... Earned team's Specialist of the Week honors after Florida game.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Named team's Offense Scout of the Week after Richmond and Florida games.

Adams' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PASSING YARDS: 176, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006
PASS COMPLETIONS: 10, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006
RUSHING YARDS: 51, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006
RUSH ATTEMPTS: 11, at Ole Miss, 10/7/2006

	ATT/COMP-INT	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LONG	RUSH-Yds	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	29-15-1	224	51.7	0	44	19-86	24.5	0	12

Brad Allen

R-Jr., Tight End, 6-4, 240

Venice, Florida • Venice H.S.

2006 Played in 11 of 12 games at tight end... Earned five starting assignments, including career first at Alabama... Developed into an excellent blocking tight end... Concluded season with three receptions for 57 yards... Garnered team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after South Carolina game... Each of Allen's catches produced first downs, and his first career reception – good for 21 yards – came deep in Vanderbilt territory and sparked Vanderbilt's game-winning drive that ended with a Bryant Hahnfeldt field goal... Career long reception of 27 yards came against South Carolina... Also nabbed a nine-yard catch at Kentucky... Allen absorbed punishment after all three receptions, and showed determination fighting through a mid-season leg injury.

2005 Played in every game as redshirt freshman, seeing action on kickoff return units and as reserve tight end... Did not register a reception, though minutes increased as season developed.

2004 Redshirted... Earned scout team player of the week honors following Eastern Kentucky and Kentucky games.

Brad Allen's Career Statistics

	RECEPTIONS-Yds	Avg.	TD	LONG
2006	3-57	19.0	0	27
2005	0-0	0.0	0	0
Career	3-57	19.0	0	27

Josh Allen

R-Jr., Cornerback, 5-9, 182

Roswell, Ga. • Roswell H.S.

2006 Played every game on special teams, along with serving valuable role as defensive cornerback... Earned a late-season start in secondary at Kentucky, contributing season highs in solo tackles (4) and total tackles (6)... Ended season with 19 total tackles, 13 solo stops and three defended passes... One of team's top kickoff returners, averaging 19.9 yards on 12 returns... Season best return of 32 yards came against South Carolina.

2005 Developed into a starting cornerback during redshirt freshman campaign... After earning first career start in win over Ole Miss, Allen was in the starting lineup seven of the last eight games... Finished season ranked sixth on the team with 31 solo tackles... Accumulated 42 total tackles, seventh best among Commodores... Topped squad with five defended passes... Sterling performance in first collegiate action, setting career highs with six solo tackles and eight total tackles in victory at Wake Forest... Pair of defended passes at Wake Forest came deep in Commodore territory... Also achieved six tackles against LSU and Kentucky... Contributed five solo tackles and a defended pass versus Middle Tennessee... Returned one kickoff for 17 yards against Wake Forest.

2004 Redshirted... Earned scout team player of the week honors after South Carolina game.

Josh Allen's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, at Wake Forest, 9/1/2005

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FE/FR	DP
2006	13-6-19	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	3
2005	31-11-42	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	5
Career	44-17-61	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	8

Bryant Anderson

R-Jr., Wide Receiver, 6-3, 210

Roswell, Ga. • Centennial H.S.

2006 Saw action in eight games as a reserve wide receiver and special teams contributor... Minutes increased as season endured... Finished year with three receptions, good for 32 yards.

2005 Saw action in every game as reserve wide receiver and special teams contributor... Played important role as receiver by the end of season... Earned first collegiate career in Commodores' 28-24 season finale win at Tennessee... Registered three receptions on season, all coming in Vanderbilt's second half rally versus Kentucky... Had two catches, including career long of 22 yards, in team's last touchdown drive versus Wildcats.

2004 Redshirted.

Anderson's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 3, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

RECEIVING YARDS: 49, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

	RECEPTIONS-Yds	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	3-32	10.7	0	16
2005	3-49	16.3	0	22
Career	6-81	13.5	0	22

Commodore Returnees

Bo Baggarley

Jr., Linebacker, 6-1, 210

Forsyth, Ga. • Stratford Academy

2006 Did not play as a sophomore... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Alabama and Tennessee State games.

2005 Walk-on, did not see action as freshman... Named team's postseason Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year... Earned weekly scout award after Ole Miss game.

Joey Bailey

R-Fr., Offensive Line, 6-4, 260

Trussville, Ala. • Hewitt-Trussville H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Earned postseason Offensive Scout Most Valuable Player Award from coaches... Received Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Ole Miss and Duke games.

HIGH SCHOOL Selected as offensive team captain... Three-year letter winner, two-year starter on offensive line... Allowed one quarterback sack playing left tackle as senior, helping team to 6-5 record and first round of 6A playoffs... Named Second Team All-Metro squad by *Birmingham News*... Squad went 7-4 in 2004, again advancing to first round of playoffs.

Earl Bennett

Jr., Wide Receiver, 6-1, 202

Birmingham, Ala. • West End H.S.

2006 Named first team All-Southeastern Conference by coaches for second consecutive seasons... Recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Receiver Award... Put together remarkable receiving campaign for second straight season – 82 receptions, good for 1,146 receiving yards and six touchdowns... Reception and receiving yardage totals are sophomore team marks; receptions total ranks seventh all-time in SEC history and second all-time among sophomores in the SEC... Sophomore receiving yardage total ranks second all-time on team. Through two years, has compiled 161 catches, more than any other SEC receiver in first two years of eligibility... Ranks as the only receiver in SEC history with two seasons of at least 75 catches or more... Enters 2007 campaign needing 48 catches to become SEC career leader in receptions; also needs 1,071 receiving yards to own SEC career mark... Posted at least four receptions in every game... Bennett's 2006 accomplishments include three games of at least 10 receptions and four games of at least 150 receiving yards... Set single game career highs in receiving yards (220) at Kentucky and longest receptions (77 yards) at Duke... Earned or shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after Tennessee State, Ole Miss and Florida games... At Ole Miss, caught 10 passes for 179 yards, then had eight receptions in road win at Georgia... During three-game stretch late in season (Duke, Florida and Kentucky), Bennett amassed 33 catches, 561 receiving yards and 3 TDs... Performances included 13 receptions and 157 yards against eventual national champion Florida... Also showed versatility, completing two pass attempts, including one that went for a 30-yard TD in opener at Michigan.

2005 Amassed the greatest receiving season ever by a Commodore fresh-

man, and one of the finest ever by a first-year player in the Southeastern Conference... Earned team's postseason Most Valuable Receiver Award... Named to Second Team All-SEC by both coaches and Associated Press writers... Named to first team All-SEC Freshman Team by coaches... Selected Second Team Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*... Didn't earn a starting role until the Richmond game, but saw action in every contest... Set a team and SEC freshman record with 79 receptions, tying for the second most ever by a Commodore in a single season... Receiving yardage total of 876 yards — third highest in the SEC — marks eighth all-time by Commodore... Also amassed nine touchdown receptions, third best among SEC receivers and tied for third most ever by Commodore in a single season... Finished third in the SEC with 124.4 all-purpose yard average... Only Commodore receiver to post a reception in every game... Put together one of the most remarkable four-game stretches for receiving in SEC history in the final stages of season... Amassed 49 catches and 545 receiving yards against South Carolina, Florida, Kentucky and Tennessee... Became just the second player in SEC history to achieve five TD receptions in single game with performance versus Kentucky... Season highs in receptions (16) and receiving yards (204) came in narrow loss at South Carolina... In season finale, recorded 14 catches and 167 yards in victory at Tennessee... Responsible for every yard of game-deciding touchdown drive against Volunteers... After catches of 15 and 31 yards, sealed drive with five-yard TD from QB Jay Cutler... Showed big-play potential in opener, with key 28-yard reception on Commodores' game-winning drive at Wake Forest... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week after performances against Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina and Richmond... Ranked ninth in the SEC with 21.3-yard kickoff return average and eighth in the league with 6.3-yard punt return average.

Bennett's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 16, at South Carolina, 10/22/2005

RECEIVING YARDS: 220, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

TD RECEPTIONS: 5, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

	RECEPTIONS-Yds	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	82-1146	14.0	6	77
2005	79-876	11.1	9	41
Career	161-2022	12.6	15	77

Patrick Benoist

So., Linebacker, 6-0, 215

Southlake, Texas • Carroll Senior H.S.

2006 A foot injury prematurely ended Benoist's promising true freshman year... Played in first seven games of season before sustaining the foot injury while covering opening kickoff of South Carolina contest... Injury kept Benoist out of uniform for final four games... Contributed 14 total tackles as No. 2 linebacker... Best performance – six solo stops, eight total tackles – came in win over Temple.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior co-captain for *USA Today's* No. 1-ranked team in the nation... Two-year starter at linebacker, helping Dragons to 32-0 overall record and pair of Texas state titles... Team went 47-1 in three varsity seasons... Voted defensive MVP as senior, contributing 172 total tackles... Named First Team 5A All-State Linebacker by Texas Sports Writers Association and finalist for Jack Pardee Award, given to Texas' top linebacker.

Commodore Returnees

Benoist's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, vs. Temple, 9/23/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	10-4-14	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Greg Billinger

So., Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 290

Lilburn, Ga. • Parkview H.S.

2006 Developed into key reserve defensive tackle, becoming the only true freshman to see action on either of Vanderbilt's interior lines... Ended season with six total tackles... Saw action in every game... Contributed two tackles in first career appearance at Michigan.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain... Started three years for one of Georgia's most powerful prep programs... Started at OT and DE as junior and senior... Parkview went 11-2 this season, advancing to third round of state AAAAA playoffs... Named to "Super Southern" team by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... Missed the second half of senior season from injuries suffered in a family car accident near Nashville... As junior, posted 60 tackles as DE.

Billinger's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 2, at Michigan, 9/2/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	5-1-6	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Jake Bradford

R-So., Tight End, 6-6, 260

St. Simons Island, Ga. • Glynn Academy

2006 Developed into the Commodores' No. 2 tight end midway through the season only to be slowed by injuries in the final games... Played in 11 of 12 games, missing the Kentucky outing to injury... Minutes increased after FB/TE Steven Bright was lost to lower leg fracture... Did not register a catch.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as tight end during fall practices.

Terrial Brannon

R-Fr., Defensive End, 6-3, 230

Spartanburg, S.C. • Broome H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team defensive end, earning Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Georgia game.

HIGH SCHOOL Team captain as senior for strong South Carolina AA program... Started three years at defensive end and tight end... Twice named All-State as TE... All-Region as senior... As TE, hauled in 21 receptions for 455 yards and five TDs; on defense, totalled 49 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, 15 quarterback sacks, three forced fumbles and 10 deflected passes... Helped Centurions to playoffs in 2005 and to the AA state title in 2004... A two-year

post starter for state's defending AA champion basketball squad, averaging 11 points as a senior... Also lettered as triple jumper and thrower in track.

Drew Brenk

R-Fr., Offensive Guard, 6-5, 295

Needville, Texas • Needville H.S.

2006 Redshirted as freshman... Participated on scout team offensive line.
HIGH SCHOOL Team captain as junior... Three-year starter on offensive line... As senior, started both ways at tackle... Helped Blue Jays to 8-4 record, district title and second round of 3A playoffs... Team improved each year of varsity career... First Team All-Area selection, two-time All-District pick... Plays post position on basketball squad... As discus thrower, advanced to track & field regional meet as a junior... An honors student and first team Academic All-District recipient.

Brandon Bryant

R-So., Linebacker, 6-1, 230

Cincinnati, Ohio • St. Xavier H.S.

2006 Athletic reserve linebacker who played in 11 of 12 games... Earned reputation as heavy hitter and sure tackler in redshirt freshman campaign... Ended season with 18 total includes, including 17 solo stops... Also contributed two forced fumbles and a pair of tackles for loss in limited minutes... Posted career high seven tackles in win over Temple... Also had three tackles against Florida... Solid performer on coverage units, Bryant shared team's Specialist of the Week honors after win over Duke.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed at linebacker during fall practices.

Bryant's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 7, vs. Temple, 9/23/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	17-1-18	2.0-5	0-0	0-0	2/0	1

Matt Bubis

So., Fullback, 6-0, 240

Nashville, Tenn. • Montgomery Bell Academy

2006 Walk-on who enjoyed first collegiate action as blocking fullback vs. South Carolina... Did not register a rushing attempt.

2005 Did not see action, though named team's top defensive scout after Wake Forest game.

Commodore Returnees

Marcus Buggs

R-Sr., Linebacker, 5-11, 235

Madison, Tenn. • Goodpasture Christian H.S.

2006 Developed into one of the most productive defensive performers and a leader for unit during redshirt junior campaign... Punishing tackler started every game at weakside linebacker... Topped the team with 10.5 tackles for loss, the most by a Commodore in four years... Also ranked third on team with 40 solo tackles and fourth with 50 total tackles... Shared team high with four quarterback hurries while contributing a pair of QB sacks, an interception and fumble recovery... Produced at least three tackles in 10 of 12 starts... Shared team's Defensive Player of the Week honors with DT Theo Horrocks after performance against Arkansas that included three tackles for loss and six total tackles... Also posted two tackles for loss, including a sack, in win over Temple... First career interception came in win over rival Tennessee State... Finished the year with at least four tackles in five of the last six games.

2005 Following a move to linebacker in Spring Practice, played in every game at strongside linebacker... Earned starts against Georgia and Tennessee... Finished season with 17 solo tackles, 29 total tackles and one tackle for loss... Had at least one tackle in every game... In season opener at Wake Forest, posted four tackles, a tackle for loss and first career forced fumble... Season high of five tackles came in win over Richmond... Also contributed four tackles in season-ending victory at Tennessee.

2004 Played in 10 of 11 games... Started twice at free safety, including win over Mississippi State, as replacement for Kelechi Ohanaja... First collegiate start came at Navy... Slowed by injury toward end of season... Contributed a tackle for loss and defended pass in career high seven-tackle performance at Navy... Added five tackles in win over Mississippi State.

2003 Redshirted after playing in opening-season game versus Ole Miss... Season-ending knee injury came in practice before Chattanooga game... Participated in spring drills, but missed contact rehabilitating from injury.

Buggs' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 7, at Navy, 9/25/2004

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	40-10-50	10.5-35	2.0-8	1-0	0/1	4
2005	17-12-29	1.0-4	0-0	0-0	1/0	0
2004	10-3-13	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1
Career	57-25-92	12.5-39	2.0-8	1-0	1/1	5

Joel Caldwell

R-So., Cornerback, 6-1, 185

Hoover, Ala. • Hoover H.S.

2006 Played in every game at cornerback as a redshirt freshman, starting the final 11 games... Played first month of season with a dislocated elbow suffered in preseason practices... First collegiate start came in his home state against Alabama... Concluded the year with 33 solo tackles, 42 total tackles and a pair of defended passes... In second start, contributed seven solo tackles in narrow loss to Arkansas... Ended season by posting career highs in solo tackles (10) and total tackles (12) at Kentucky, then following up with five-tackle effort against Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed coaches as cornerback in fall practices... Named Defensive Scout of the Week after Tennessee game.

Caldwell's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 10, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

TOTAL TACKLES: 12, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	33-9-42	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	2

Nathan Campbell

R-Fr., Linebacker, 6-3, 228

Hazen, Ark. • Hazen H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team linebacker. **HIGH SCHOOL** Team captain as senior... Three-year starter at linebacker and quarterback... Guided Hornets to 2A state playoffs each season... As senior LB, garnered 148 total tackles, three INTs and three fumble recoveries... Credited with more than 350 tackles in three-year career... Amassed 2,500 yards of total offense as QB during junior and senior seasons, rushing for more than 10 TDs... Two-time First Team All-State and three-time All-Conference pick... Multi-sport standout for Hazen... Starting forward on basketball squad, all-conference pitcher/third baseman in baseball, and three-year letter winner in track & field.

Thomas Carroll

Jr., Placekicker, 5-9, 160

Columbus, Ga. • Brookstone H.S.

2006 Did not see action as a sophomore placekicker.

2005 Walk-on placekicker... Did not see action.

Ryan Custer

R-So., Offensive Guard, 6-4, 295

Troy, Ohio • Troy H.S.

2006 As a redshirt freshman, Custer saw action in every game as an offensive guard, playing his way into a more substantial role during the second half of the season... Role expanded in Georgia game after injury sidelined veteran guard Josh Eames... Started at left guard in the next three games – South Carolina, Duke and Florida – until Eames returned to the lineup.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as guard during fall practices.

Derrius Dowell

R-So., Defensive Line, 6-3, 280

Atlanta, Ga. • Douglass H.S.

2006 Did not see action as a redshirt freshman defensive tackle... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Florida game.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as defensive lineman during the fall.

Commodore Returnees

Josh Eames

R-Sr, Offensive Guard, 6-5, 310

North Cape May, N.J. • Lower Cape H.S.

2006 One of the offensive line's top blocking technicians, Eames was perhaps the most versatile Commodore lineman, playing both guard and tackle while fighting through a midseason injury... Played in 10 games, starting nine contests at left guard... Has 21 career starts entering final season in 2007... Earned top blocking grade for performance at Alabama that earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honors... Was playing best football of Commodore career when he suffered knee injury at Georgia... Sat out games against South Carolina and Duke, only to play limited snaps at right tackle against Florida... Returned to familiar left guard starting role for final two games of season.

2005 One of the most improved players on Commodore interior front... A starter in every game while playing both guard positions... Opened the season as starting left guard, then moved to right guard for the last nine games when Mac Pyle was injured at Arkansas... Showed continued improvement as season transpired, concluding campaign as one of unit's most dependable blockers.

2004 Played in six games as reserve offensive guard... Received first collegiate action versus South Carolina.

2003 Redshirted.

Jared Fagan

R-Jr., Cornerback, 5-10, 180

Waldorf, Md. • Westlake H.S.

2006 Played much of the season as a No. 2 cornerback behind freshman D.J. Moore... Started the finale against Tennessee at cornerback, and saw action in every game as defensive back and special team contributor... Concluded season with 12 solo tackles... Top individual effort came against Tennessee, with career high five solo stops... Contributed three tackles against Arkansas and Tennessee State... Also forced a fumble in TSU game.

2005 Played in every game as defensive back while contributing on special teams... Started at Wake Forest in first collegiate appearance... In season finale, came up with game-winning interception on final play of Tennessee game... Ended season with six solo tackles and 10 total tackles along with the lone interception... Also contributed three solo tackles in the victory at Tennessee... Also posted pair of tackles against Florida and South Carolina.

2004 Redshirted.

Fagan's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 5, vs. Tennessee, 11/18/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PD
2006	12-0-12	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	1/0	0
2005	6-4-10	0.0-0	0-0	1-3	0/0	0
Career	18-4-22	0.0-0	0-0	1-3	1/0	0

Nick Forte

R-So., Offensive Line, 6-2, 290

Brentwood, Tenn. • Brentwood Academy

2006 Redshirted as a sophomore... Joined team in preseason as an invited walk-on, playing offensive guard.

Jared Funk

R-Fr., Quarterback, 6-2, 200

Arlington Heights, Ill. • Saint Viator H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout quarterback, taking Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Arkansas and Tennessee games.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year starter at quarterback for Lions... Guided 2005 squad to school's best regular season record (8-1) since 1986... Team advanced to second round of 6A playoffs, tying best mark in school history... As senior, named East Suburban Catholic League Player of the Year and First Team All-State by Illinois Coaches Association... Amassed 2,720 yards of total offense as senior, throwing for 1,952 yards and 19 TDs while rushing for 768 yards and 10 TDs... Hit on 62.4% of passes... Also served as punter... Starting forward in basketball and pitcher in baseball.

Michael Garcia

R-Fr., Linebacker, 6-0, 230

Jacksonville, Fla. • The Bolles School

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Joined team as invited walk-on in preseason... Earned Defensive Scout of the Week after Tennessee game.

Drew Gardner

R-So., Offensive Guard 6-5, 300

Hoxie, Ark. • Hoxie H.S.

2006 Saw limited action as redshirt freshman, playing in three games at offensive guard... First collegiate action came in win over Tennessee State... Also earned playing time against South Carolina and Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as offensive tackle during fall drills.

Commodore Returnees

Curtis Gatewood

R-Sr., Defensive End, 6-3, 245

Memphis, Tenn. • White Station H.S.

2006 Became one of Commodores' top performers in first full year at defensive end... Co-recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award with DT Theo Horrocks... Started every game at DE...

Topped all Commodores with seven quarterback sacks, ranking eighth in the Southeastern Conference in the statistical category... Only one former Commodore, Jovan Haye in 2003, has more sacks in the last decade...

Ranked among team leaders with 36 solo tackles (T-4th), 49 total tackles (T-5th), eight quarterback sacks (2nd), three fumble recoveries (T-1st) and three forced fumbles (2nd)... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after nine-tackle performance in win over Tennessee State... Also contributed 1.5 sacks, two tackles for loss and a quarterback hurry in TSU win... Also named Defensive Player of the Week after Tennessee performance that included a sack, forced fumble and fumble recovery... Posted a sack, forced fumble and interception against South Carolina... Also shared Defensive Player of the Week honors with linebacker Jonathan Goff following effort to Florida.

2005 Moved from linebacker during preseason camp... Ended season with 17 solo tackles, 22 total tackles, pair of quarterback hurries and 2.5 tackles for loss... Produced four tackles, including 1.5 tackles for loss, in win at Arkansas, then added a tackle for loss and quarterback hurry in victory over Ole Miss... Closed the season with four tackles at Florida, and a pair of stops against Kentucky and Tennessee.

2004 Played in all 11 games as reserve outside linebacker and special teams contributor... Credited with nine tackles on the season... Contributed pair of tackles against Ole Miss and LSU... Named Special Teams Co-Player of the Week after Mississippi State performance.

2003 Redshirted... Named scout team Defensive Player of the Week on three occasions.

Gatewood's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 6, vs. Tennessee State, 9/30/2006

TOTAL TACKLES: 9, vs. Tennessee State, 9/30/2006

SACKS: 1.5, vs. Tennessee State, 9/30/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	36-13-49	8.0-50	7.0-48	1-0	3/3	3
2005	17-5-22	2.5-8	0-0	0-0	0/0	2
2004	6-3-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
Career	59-21-80	10.5-58	7.0-48	1-0	3/3	5

total tackles in all but one game... Started season in strong fashion, earning team's Defensive Player of the Week honors against Michigan after setting career highs in solo stops (12) and total tackles (14) in front of 109,000 fans and a national ESPN audience at Ann Arbor... Also blocked a Wolverine field goal attempt... Returned in Week 2 to produce another outstanding individual performance at Alabama, racking up 13 total tackles and a pair of forced fumbles in narrow loss to Crimson Tide... Contributed seven tackles in Commodore road win at Georgia and 10 total tackles and a sack in road win at Duke... Shared team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after nine-tackle, one-sack effort in narrow home loss to Florida... Helped Commodores stage late comeback against eventual national champion Gators with two individual defensive plays: an interception of Chris Leak attempt deep in Vanderbilt territory and timely tackle for loss of QB Tim Tebow on third down that halted another second half Florida drive.

2005 Showed continued improvement in every game as starter at middle linebacker... Concluded season as team's third leading tackler with 47 solo stops and 63 total tackles... Established new season career highs in virtually every defensive category, including tackles for loss (3) and quarterback hurries (2)... Also contributed a quarterback sack and two defended passes... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week after nine-tackle performance versus Kentucky... Played superb game in season-ending win at Tennessee, posting 10-tackle effort... Set single game career high with 14 tackles in early season road win at Arkansas... Totalled at least four tackles in nine games.

2004 Played in every game at linebacker... Started final four games at middle linebacker... First collegiate start came at LSU... Set single-game career highs in primary tackles (7) and total tackles (9) at Kentucky... Contributed seven tackles versus Florida... In first start, had five tackles and a forced fumble at LSU... Also posted five tackles in finale versus Tennessee... Co-winner of Defensive Player of the Week honors for Kentucky performance... Named Special Teams Player of the Week after win over Eastern Kentucky.

2003 Redshirted. Earned scout team Defensive Player of the Week honors after UT-Chattanooga and Mississippi State games.

Goff's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 9, twice, most recently at Tennessee, 11/19/2005

TOTAL TACKLES: 14, at Arkansas, 9/10/2005

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	67-26-93	6.0-38	2.5-31	1-0	2/0	4
2005	47-16-63	3.0-9	1.0-4	0-0	0/0	2
2004	27-11-38	0-0	0-0	0-0	1/0	1
Career	141-53-194	9.0-47	3.5-35	1-0	3/0	7

Jonathan Goff

R-Sr., Linebacker, 6-4, 235

Lynn, Mass. • St. John's Preparatory

2006 Defensive captain... Started every game at middle linebacker, extending career consecutive start streak to 27 games... Named Second team All-Southeastern Conference linebacker in coaches' ballot... Recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Linebacker Award... Topped Commodores with 67 solo tackles and 93 total tackles, and ranked among team leaders with four quarterback hurries (T-1st), six tackles for loss (T-5th), 2.5 quarterback sacks (5th) and two forced fumbles (T-3rd)... Achieved at least five

Steven Goulet

R-Fr., Wide Receiver, 6-2, 180

Irmo, S.C. • Dutch Fork H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as a scout wide receiver. **HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter... Played wide receiver, quarterback and safety for Dutch Fork... As senior, had 12 receptions for 218 yards and three TDs before early season injury... Honorable mention All-State as senior... Played in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas postseason all-star game... Posted 41 receptions as junior, earning All-Region recognition... Had three TD receptions vs. North Augusta (S.C.) HS... Team went 9-4 overall in 2005, and advanced to AAAA state playoffs last two years.

Commodore Returnees

Justin Green

R-Fr., Tight End, 6-7, 230

Troy, Ala. • Henderson H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team tight end, earning Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Tennessee State game.
HIGH SCHOOL Just completed first year of prep football... Blossomed as wide receiver in spread offense... Concluded season with 25 receptions for 375 yards and five TDs... Starter at center on basketball squad... Track & field standout in high jump, long jump and triple jump.

Chris Griffin

Fr., Wide Receiver, 6-0, 205

Memphis, Tenn. • Central H.S.

2006 Did not play. Joined the team during the offseason, and is participating in his initial Spring Practice.

Bryant Hahnfeldt

Jr., Kicker/Punter, 5-11, 180

Nashville, Tenn. • Montgomery Bell Academy

2006 Served as team's primary placekicker after battling back from off-season knee injury... Provided one of the top Commodore highlights in recent years, kicking a 33-yard field goal in the closing seconds to secure 24-22 win at Georgia... Working with a new snapper and holder, converted on eight of 17 field goals, and 27 of 29 extra points... Ranked second in scoring on team to QB Chris Nickson with 51 points... Hit seven of first 12 field goal tries, including a career long of 51 yards against Temple, then finished by making just one of last five FG attempts... Untimely wind left game-winning 48-yard FG attempt just short against Arkansas... Hit three of seven FGs beyond 40 yards, but struggled in 30-39 yard range, converting just two of six attempts.

2005 Served as Commodores' primary placekicker and punter as true freshman... Named All-SEC Freshman by coaches ballot... Recognized as team's postseason Special Teams Player of the Year... Topped Commodores in scoring with 68 points, converting 12 of 17 field goals and 32 and 33 extra point attempts... Point total was fourth highest ever by Commodore placekicker, earning Freshman All-American honorable mention status... Only four other placekickers in team history have made more than 12 field goals in a single season... Converted on five of seven FGs beyond 40 yards... Single-game career high of three field goals came against MTSU... Earned all-conference as punter, averaging 41.1 yards... Placed 33 percent of punts inside the opponent's 20-yard line... As kickoff specialist, knocked 36 percent of attempts for touchbacks... Ranked among the leaders in special team tackles with five solo stops... Season ended on sour note, suffering knee injury at Tennessee.

Hahnfeldt's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

MOST FIELD GOALS IN GAME: 3, vs. Middle Tennessee, 10/1/2005

LONGEST FIELD GOAL: 51 yards, vs. Temple, 10/30/2006

LONGEST PUNT: 55 yards, vs. LSU, 10/8/2005

	FGM/FGA	FG%	LONG	PAT	PUNTS	AVG.	LONG
2006	8-17	47.1	51	27-29	-	-	-
2005	12-17	70.6	48	32-33	36	41.1	55
Career	20-34	58.9	51	59-62	36	41.1	55

Gabe Hall

Sr., Defensive Tackle, 6-1, 288

Virginia Beach, Va. • Fork Union Military Academy

2006 Started season as part of a four-person rotation at defensive tackle, but saw playing time diminish as injuries became a factor by midseason... Played in 10 of 12 games, missing the Ole Miss and Florida encounters to injury... Finished the season with nine solo tackles, including his first career tackle for loss in win over Temple... Contributed season-high three tackles in opener at Michigan.

2005 Enjoyed expanded role as part of four-player rotation at defensive tackle... Concluded season with eight primary tackles and 15 total tackles, both career highs... Contributed three tackles in road win at Arkansas, then topped defensive line corps with three tackles versus Richmond... Also netted three tackles against Middle Tennessee... Missed road games at South Carolina and Florida due to injury.

2004 Played limited role at defensive tackle, seeing action in five games... Credited with a single tackle on the year... First collegiate action came against South Carolina.

Gabe Hall's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 3, on four occasions, most recently at Michigan, 9/2/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	9-0-9	1.0-3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
2005	8-7-15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
2004	0-1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
Career	17-8-25	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Marquez Hall

R-Fr., Safety, 5-9, 165

Tuskegee, Ala. • Booker T. Washington H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as a defensive back, earning Defensive Scout of the Week honors after South Carolina game.

HIGH SCHOOL Began varsity career as secondary starter in ninth grade... Multi-year captain... Tailback starter and punt/kickoff return specialist as junior and senior... In 2005, rushed for 989 yards and 18 TDs for Golden Eagles on just 97 carries... As DB, posted 70 tackles and three INTs... A top of sprinter-jumper, with PRs of 10.7 (100) and 42'11" (triple jump).

Commodore Returnees

Ryan Hamilton

R-So., Safety, 6-2, 205

Wycombe, Pa. • Council Rock North H.S.

2006 Played every game at safety as a redshirt freshman, earning nine starting assignments, including final seven games of season... Formed part of a solid, hard-hitting safety duo with two-year starter Reshard Langford... Concluded season as one of defense's top tacklers, posting 36 solo tackles (T-4th on team) and 43 total tackles (7th on team)... After losing starting job to senior Ben Koger early in season, returned to develop into a steady performer late in the season... Breakthrough outing came at Georgia, as six-tackle effort in upset win earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honors... In last two games, contributed career high of nine tackles, including a tackle for loss, at Kentucky and six solo stops versus Tennessee... Played virtually the entire season with painful foot ailment... First career interception, which came deep in Vanderbilt territory, helped fuel comeback against Florida.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed as safety during fall practices.

Hamilton's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TOTAL TACKLES: 9, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

SOLO TACKLES: 6, vs. Tennessee, 11/18/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	36-7-43	1.0-3	0-0	1-0	1/0	1

Ben Havrilesko

So., Defensive Back, 5-10, 180

Winchester, Ky. • Clark H.S.

2006 Did not see action as a freshman walk-on... Participated as scout team defensive back.

Jared Hawkins

R-So., Tailback, 5-10, 192

Spring, Texas • Klein H.S.

2006 Played every game as redshirt freshman, competing as the No. 2 tailback to Cassen Jackson-Garrison... Demonstrated excellent running style with unusual ability to set up offensive line blocks... Ended season third on squad with 298 rushing yards, averaging a team-high 6.9 yards per carry... Burst onto scene by gaining 76 yards on three carries against Arkansas, including season long rush of 41 yards... Also had a 35-yard carry against Florida... Gained 54 yards and scored first career touchdown in win over Tennessee State, then produced two scores in victory over Temple... Contributed seven tackles and a fumble recovery on special team coverage units.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Named team's Offensive Scout of the Week after Arkansas and Kentucky games.

Hawkins' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING HIGHS

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 9, vs. Tennessee State, 9/23/2006

RUSH YARDS: 76, vs. Arkansas, 9/16/2006

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 2, vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

	RUSHING ATT.	RUSHING YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2006	43	298	6.9	3	41

Eric Hensley

R-So., Offensive Line, 6-6, 305

Clinton, Tenn. • Clinton H.S.

2006 Worked as reserve offensive tackle, seeing limited action in seven games... Also participated as blocker on Commodore placekicking teams.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as offensive tackle and guard during fall practices.

High School Team captain as senior... Started as senior at offensive tackle... Started three years at defensive tackle... Named to *Knoxville News Sentinel's* First Team PrepXtra team... Elected to play in Tennessee-Kentucky All-Star Game.

Hamilton Holliday

Sr., Center, 6-3, 290

Marietta, Ga. • Walton H.S.

2006 Became one of team's most consistent interior players as a first-year starter at center... Started every game for the Commodores, and enters 2007 having started 14 consecutive games... Part of an unproven center-quarterback duo entering the season, Holliday quickly earned the praise of coaches and teammates, winning the squad's Offensive Player of the Week honors in the opener at Michigan... Later in the year, he share the offensive team honor with QB Chris Nickson for his performance in victory at Duke... Along with OT Chris Williams, typically earned the highest blocking grade among Commodore linemen.

2005 Finished strongly after starting the season limited by injury... A versatile lineman, enjoyed much of his playing time at offensive guard while serving as top backup to starting center Trey Holloway... In closing games of season, was playing significant minutes at guard... Was on the field for most of win at Tennessee, including game-winning final possession.

2004 Played in six games... Started at right guard at end of season against Kentucky and Tennessee following injury to Nigel Seaman... Named to Freshman All-Southeastern Conference Team by coaches and *The Sporting News*... Also showed ability to play center.

Commodore Returnees

Brandon Holmes

R-Jr., Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 295

Garland, Texas • Garland H.S.

2006 Nagging injuries limited Holmes' involvement... Saw action in three games, at defensive tackle... Played in season finale versus Tennessee, and in midseason victories over Tennessee State and Temple... Did not register a tackle on the season.

2005 Played in three games at defensive tackle... Enjoyed first collegiate action in win over Richmond... Also played at South Carolina and Florida... Credited with a tackle at Florida.

2004 Redshirted. Named scout team Defensive Player of the Week after Florida game.

Holmes' Career Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	0-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
2005	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0
Career	1-0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Theo Horrocks

Sr., Defensive Tackle, 6-3, 295

Fayetteville, Tenn. • Lincoln County H.S.

2006 Put together best year of career that culminated with Horrocks sharing team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Lineman Award with DE Curtis Gatewood... Started every game for the Commodores at tackle... Set single-season career highs in virtually every defensive statistical category... Concluded season by setting single-season career highs in solo tackles (31) and total tackles (49), both tops among Commodore DTs... Ranked third in the SEC with four forced fumbles... Also ranked among team leaders with five quarterback sacks and six tackles for loss... Showed remarkable consistency, contributing at least four tackles in 10 of 12 games... Earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honors after contributing three quarterback sacks and a forced fumble in superb performance in loss at Kentucky... Aided win over Temple with six tackles and two forced fumbles.

2005 Played in 10 of 11 games, missing the Georgia outing with a leg injury... Started the first six games and season-ending encounters against Kentucky and Tennessee... Played through painful injury to end season on high note... Led Commodore defensive tackles with 15 solo tackles... Concluded with single-season high in total tackles (21), tackles of loss (2) and quarterback hurries (3)... Best game of year came in season finale, with five tackles to aid Commodore win at Tennessee... Three-tackle performance in season-opening victory at Wake Forest earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honors... Also shared team defensive honors with four-tackle performance in win over Ole Miss.

2004 Played in nine games, starting twice late in the season at defensive end... Earned first collegiate start at LSU... Set single high with six tackles against Florida... Had four tackles and one tackle for loss at Georgia... Garnered four solo tackles versus Tennessee.

Horrocks' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: Six, vs. Arkansas, 9/16/2006

TOTAL TACKLES: Six (on two occasions), most recently vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

SACKS: Three, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	31-18-49	6.0-35	5.0-34	0-0	4/1	4
2005	15-6-21	2.0-2	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	3
2004	13-6-19	1.0-3	0.0-0	0-0	0/0	1
Career	59-30-89	9.0-40	5.0-35	0-0	4/1	8

Cassen Jackson-Garrison

Sr., Tailback, 6-1, 220

Knoxville, Tenn. • Central H.S.

2006 Every game starter at tailback for first time in Vanderbilt career, Jackson-Garrison set single season highs with 152 rushing attempts, 614 rushing yards and 15 receptions... Resumed starting role when Jeff Jennings missed the season recovering from knee injuries... Platooned much of season with redshirt freshman Jared Hawkins... Concluded the season second on team in rushing yardage behind QB Chris Nickson... Played season opener at Michigan just 17 days after undergoing surgery for emergency appendectomy... Set career high in rushing attempts (21) in solid performance against Arkansas that included 90 rushing yards and a 9-yard TD catch, first of his career... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors with Steven Bright after scoring first two touchdowns in win over Temple with rushes of 43 and 16 yards... Rushed for career-high 142 yards in Temple performance... Rushed for at least 35 yards in nine of 12 games.

2005 Posted excellent campaign in first year as tailback after playing fullback in 2004... Started only once (in finale at Tennessee), though shared tailback duties throughout season with fellow junior Jeff Jennings... Finished season as team leader with 539 rushing yards, eight rushing touchdowns and 5.6-yard per carry average... Ranked 12th in SEC in rushing yards... Tied for fourth in league in rushing TDs... Team's top breakaway rushing threat, posting five rushes of at least 35 yards... Also caught 14 passes for 139 yards as receiver out of the backfield... Break-through came at Arkansas, with 71-yard rush (team high for year) sparking comeback victory... Rushing total in win over Richmond (119 yards) was most by a Commodore... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after Richmond performance... Scored at least one touchdown in last five games... Played extremely well in first career start at Tennessee, rushing for 60 yards and a touchdown while catching three passes for 49 yards, helping Commodores to road victory in his hometown... Also averaged 19.9 yards on 15 kickoff returns.

2004 Played in seven games... Saw action at fullback in offensive backfield and on special-team coverage units... First collegiate action came in win over Mississippi State... Solidified role during final six games... Concluded season with 67 rushing yards on 13 carries and 17 receiving yards on three catches... On coverage units, contributed a forced fumble and five solo tackles... Set single-game career highs in rushing attempts (5), rushing yards (37) and longest rush (13) at Georgia... Also contributed a forced fumble and tackle at Georgia... Netted a special teams tackle in five of last six games, earning Special Teams Player of the Week honors.

Commodore Returnees

Jackson-Garrison's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING HIGHS

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 21, vs. Arkansas, 9/16/2006

RUSH YARDS: 142, vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

LONGEST RUSH: 70, at Arkansas, 9/10/2005

SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 4, on two occasions, most recently at Alabama, 9/9/2006

RECEIVING YARDS: 58, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

LONGEST RECEPTION: 35, at Tennessee, 11/19/2005

	ATT	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.	Yards	Long
2006	152	614	4.0	5	43	15	104	26
2005	97	539	5.6	8	71	14	139	35
2004	13	67	5.2	0	13	3	17	8
Career	262	1,220	4.7	13	71	32	260	35

Jeff Jennings

R-Jr., Running Back, 6-1, 222

Dandridge, Tenn. • Jefferson County H.S.

2006 Did not play, redshirted due to knee injury from previous season.

2005 Started first 10 games of season at tailback before suffering knee injury versus Kentucky that prematurely ended campaign... Shared rushing workload at tailback with fellow junior Cassen Jackson-Garrison... Concluded season as team's second leading rusher with 448 yards... Season rushing total marks career best... A punishing runner (3.6 yards per carry) who was best in short yardage situations, rushed for seven touchdowns... Set career highs in rushing attempts (24) and rushing yards (103) in outstanding performance against Ole Miss, helping Commodores to league victory... Also rushed for a team-high three touchdowns against Rebels, sharing Offensive Player of the Week honors with tackle Chris Williams... In season opener at Wake Forest, rushed for two touchdowns, including the game winner with 1:48 left... Was team's leading rusher against Georgia (84 yards) and Florida (50 yards)... Career long rush of 21 yards came at Florida... Showed excellent ability as receiver out of backfield, ranking fourth among Commodores with 21 catches, good for 156 yards and a touchdown... Caught six passes in win over Richmond and four in loss to Kentucky.

2004 Played in 10 of the Commodores' 11 games, missing only the season opener versus South Carolina... First and only collegiate start came at Georgia... Ended season with 135 rushing yards on 46 carries... Ranked second to QB Jay Cutler with five rushing touchdowns... Had seven carries for 27 yards in first substantial playing time at Navy... Rushed for 33 yards in win over Mississippi State... Scored first collegiate touchdown from nine yards versus Rutgers... Scored two touchdowns and set single-season high of 35 rushing yards versus Tennessee.

Jennings' Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING HIGHS

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 24, vs. Ole Miss, 9/17/2005

RUSH YARDS: 103, vs. Ole Miss, 9/17/2005

RUSH TOUCHDOWNS: 3, vs. Ole Miss, 9/17/2005

SINGLE-GAME RECEIVING HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 6, vs. Richmond, 9/24/2005

	ATT	Yards	Avg.	TDs	Long	Rec.	Yards	Long
2006	Did Not Play							
2005	123	448	3.6	7	21	21	156	16
2004	46	135	2.9	5	14	-	-	-
Career	169	583	3.5	12	21	21	156	16

Chris Johnson

R-So., Linebacker, 6-1, 230

Birmingham, Ala. • Oak Mountain H.S.

2006 One of Commodores' top special team coverage players, Johnson saw action in 11 of 12 games, missing the finale due to suspension... Was credited with six tackles, including five solo stops, on the season... Saw limited action at outside linebacker... Solo tackle of Ole Miss kickoff returner Dexter McCluster during opening play of game was one of top Commodore hits of the season.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as linebacker during fall practices.

Johnson's Career Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	5-1-6	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Merritt Kirchoffer

R-Sr., Offensive Guard/Tackle, 6-5, 320

Roswell, Ga. • Roswell H.S.

2006 Kirchoffer had a roller coaster campaign as a redshirt junior, starting strongly at right guard and closing as a starting tackle after struggling with midseason injuries... One of the Commodores' strongest players, Kirchoffer started in nine games, and played in all 12 games... Kirchoffer started first eight games at right guard, giving way to a healthy Mac Pyle.. In last weeks of season, Kirchoffer moved to right tackle when depth became an issue... After two weeks spelling Elliot Hood at tackle, Kirchoffer worked his way into the starting lineup at tackle for the finale against Tennessee.

2005 Played in every game... Served as key offensive guard reserve and on special team conversion units... Enjoyed most offensive line action during middle stages of season.

2004 Played in four games during the season, missing several games mid-way through the campaign due to an ankle injury... Participated at offensive guard in the first three games, then returned to play in the season finale.

2003 Redshirted.

Commodore Returnees

Richard Kovalcheck

R-Sr., Quarterback, 6-2, 222

San Diego, Calif. • St. Augustine H.S./Univ. of Arizona

2006 Played limited minutes in three games as reserve quarterback behind first-year starter Chris Nickson... Also took limited snaps against Temple and Tennessee.

Kovalcheck's Career Statistics

COMMODORE SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

PASS COMPLETIONS: 7, vs. South Carolina, 10/21/2006

Touchdown Passes:

	ATT/COMP-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LONG
2006 (Vanderbilt)	14-10-0	63	71.4	0	14

PRIOR TO VANDERBILT CAREER (@ UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA)

	ATT/COMP-INT	YARDS	PCT.	TD	LONG
2005 (Arizona)	220-125-11	1351	56.8	10	-
2004 (Arizona)	136-67-6	880	49.3	6	-
Career	356-192-17	2231	53.9	16	-

Reshard Langford

R-Jr., Safety, 6-2, 215

Tanner, Ala. • Tanner H.S.

2006 The hard-hitting reputation remained intact as Langford performed well while playing with pain in his second year as a starter in Commodore secondary... Demonstrated superb leadership skills, evidenced by team-mates voting Langford as Captain's Award postseason recipient... Gained more postseason accolades as recipient of team's Most Valuable Defensive Secondary Award... Started every game at safety, and enters 2007 season with 23 consecutive starts to his credit... Shared team high for second consecutive season with three interceptions... Also concluded season among team leaders with 36 solo tackles (T-4th), 51 total tackles (3rd), four defensed passes (2nd), two fumble recoveries (T-3rd) and six tackles for loss (T-5th)... Posted at least four tackles in seven of last eight games... Shared team's Defensive Player of the Week honors for effort in win over Temple... Fought injuries throughout the season, starting with a leg muscle pull in pre-season practice... Added seven tackles and an interception at Ole Miss, then received second Defensive Player of the Week recognition for five tackle/one fumble recovery performance against South Carolina... Also contributed eight tackles, a season high, in Commodore win at Georgia.

2005 A hard-hitting safety who put together one of the Commodores' most consistent seasons by secondary player... Shared team's postseason Most Valuable Defensive Back honors with cornerback Andrew Pace... Started every game at free safety in first collegiate season... Named to Coaches' First Team All-SEC Freshman squad... Only unanimous pick among secondary players on coaches' freshman team... Listed as honorable mention Freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*... Topped squad with three interceptions... Tied for fourth on team with 44 solo tackles and tied for second with four defensed passes... Achieved 54 total tackles, three tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery... Had at least four tackles in nine games... Posted nine tackles, forced fumble and interception in outstanding performance against LSU... Effort against LSU, which featured hard hit while defending Tiger pass attempt, earned team's Defensive Player of the Week honor... First career interception came in win over Richmond... Interception at

Tennessee ended first Volunteer drive of second half in eventual Commodore road victory.

2004 Redshirted. Named scout team Defensive Player of the Week on six different occasions.

Langford's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 9, vs. LSU, 10/8/2005

LONGEST INT. RETURN: 27 yards, vs. LSU, 10/8/2005

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/ER	PBU
2006	36-15-51	6.0-14	1.0-5	3-58	0/2	4
2005	44-10-54	3.5-15	0-0	3-55	1/1	4
Career	80-25-105	9.5-29	1.0-5	6-114	1/3	8

Reilly Lauer

R-Fr., Tight End, 6-7, 240

Gates Mills, Ohio • Sain Ignatius H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as a scout team offensive tackle, earning Offensive Scout of the Week honors after the Georgia, South Carolina and Florida games.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year letterwinner for one of Ohio's top prep programs... Two-year starter at defensive end; as senior, started at offensive tackle...

In 2005, continued 71 tackles, including 30 primary stops, five quarterback sacks and 13 hurries for Wildcat defense, earning All-County and team Most Improved Athlete honors... Posted 115 total tackles and nine sacks in career... Team went to Division I playoffs all three varsity seasons... Three-year starter for lacrosse squad that advanced to state's Elite Eight last year.

John Laughrey

R-Fr., Placekicker, 6-0, 180

McKenzie, Tenn. • McKenzie H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Joined team as an invited walk-on during the preseason... Practiced as a placekicker and kickoff specialist.

David Leinweber

Jr., Defensive End, 6-5, 250

Bloomington Hills, Mich. • Cranbrook Kingswood H.S.

2006 Walk-on defensive end, and did not see action... Received team's Defensive Scout of the Week award after Ole Miss game.

2005 Worked as defensive end in fall practices... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after LSU game.

Commodore Returnees

Myron Lewis

So., Cornerback, 6-3, 195

Pompano Beach, Fla. • Pompano Beach H.S.

2006 Played in 10 games as a true freshman, contributing primarily on special teams... Also limited action in secondary following injury of safety Ben Koger... Credited with four solo tackles on season... Returned two kick-offs for 23 yards.

HIGH SCHOOL Four-year starter and captain... Versatile athlete, playing receiver, defensive back, kicker and punter... As senior, posted 40 catches for 750 yards and 10 TDs as receiver, and 85 tackles, 20 defended passes and two INTs as DB... Two-time MVP for Golden Tornadoes... Named First-Team 2A All-State by Florida Sports Writers Association and First Team 2A All-Broward County by *Miami Herald*.

Myron Lewis' Career Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	4-0-4	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Quavian Lewis

R-So., Defensive End, 6-3, 225

Troy, Ala. • Henderson H.S.

2006 Played in eight games, primarily on special teams, as redshirt freshman... Finished year with three total tackles... First career action came in win over Tennessee State... Played in eight of last nine games... Received team's Specialist of the Week honors with pair of tackles against South Carolina.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed coaches as linebacker in fall practices... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after MTSU game.

Quavian Lewis' Career Statistics

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	2-1-3	0.0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0

Kikko Logan

R-Fr., Defensive End, 6-2, 230

Elba, Ala. • Elba H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Participated as scout team linebacker/defensive end.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year starter... Two-time All-Region selection... Played running back and outside linebacker... As senior, rushed for 615 yards and 10 TDs on 78 carries while contributing 77 tackles, three sacks and three INTs on defense... As junior, gained 1,102 rushing yards and scored 14 TDs... Amassed 157 total tackles, five INTs, seven sacks and seven forced fumbles in varsity career... Averaged double digits in points and rebounds as forward in basketball.

Gaston Miller

So., Tailback, 5-7, 165

Murfreesboro, Tenn. • Riverdale H.S.

2006 Played in final eight games of season as true freshman... Saw first action in win over Temple, rushing for 58 yards on eight carries... Performance versus Temple also included season-long rush of 19 yards... Finished season with 13 rushes for 70 yards... Also carried three times for 13 yards in finale vs. Tennessee... Returned one kickoff nine yards.

Gaston Miller's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME RUSHING HIGHS

RUSH ATTEMPTS: 8, vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

RUSH YARDS: 58, vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

	RUSHING ATT.	RUSHING YARDS	AVG.	TDs	LONG
2006	13	70	5.4	0	19

Nick Miller

Jr., Snapper, 6-3, 250

Matthews, N.C. • East Mecklenburg H.S.

2006 In his initial season as a contributor, served as the Commodores' primary snapper for field goals and extra points.

2005 Walk-on who worked with offensive scout team during fall drills.

D.J. Moore

So., Cornerback, 5-10, 175

Spartanburg, S.C. • Broome H.S.

2006 Played in every game at a true freshman, starting nine straight games at cornerback... Also saw action as a punt returner... Named to All-Southeastern Conference Freshman squad by coaches... Finished year ranking among Commodore top ten with 27 solo tackles and 37 total tackles... Shared SEC and team lead with three fumble recoveries with DE Curtis Gatewood... After earning team's Specialist of the Week honors in first collegiate appearance at Michigan, Moore posted six total tackles and a fumble recovery in his first collegiate start in front of 92,000 fans at Alabama... Was outstanding in Commodore win at Georgia, setting career highs with seven solo tackles and eight total tackles... Also contributed an athletic fumble recovery that led to Vanderbilt points at Georgia... Sealed Commodore road win at Duke with late interception... Posted at least three tackles in seven games.

Moore's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

SOLO TACKLES: 7, at Georgia, 10/14/2006

TOTAL TACKLES: 8, at Georgia, 10/14/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	27-10-37	0.0-0	0-0	1-0	0/3	2

Commodore Returnees

Dom Morias

Sr., Linebacker, 6-0, 215

Dayton, Texas • Dayton H.S.

2006 Walk-on linebacker... Did not see action... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after Michigan opener.

2005 Did not see action, though selected as team's top defensive scout after win at Wake Forest.

2004 Did not see action as walk-on.

Austin Newton

R-Fr., Linebacker, 6-2, 215

McDonough, Ga. • Union Grove H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman, serving as a scout team defensive end/linebacker.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year starter at defensive end... Three-year letterwinner who also saw limited role as wide receiver as senior... First Team All-Area and Second Team All-Region selection... On defense, totalled 60 tackles, 10 quarterback sacks, 10 quarterback hurries, six tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries... Helped guide Union Grove to 9-3 overall record, advancing to AAAA playoffs before losing to eventual state champion Lowndes.

Chris Nickson

R-Jr., Quarterback, 6-1, 210

Brundidge, Ala. • Pike County H.S.

2006 As a first-year starter, Nickson put together one of the finest seasons ever by a Commodore signal caller... Recipient of team's postseason Most Valuable Offensive Back Award... Campaign was highlighted by a remarkable three-game stretch late in the season that included more than 900 passing yards, six touchdown passes and five rushing touchdowns... Concluded season completing 160 of 292 passes, good for 2,085 yards and 15 TDs... His passing totals rank second all-time among Commodore sophomores, trailing only Jay Cutler's 2003 campaign... As a running threat, Nickson was tremendous, rushing for team-high 694 yards and nine touchdowns... Rushing total is the single-season record for Commodore quarterbacks... Amassed 2,779 yards of total offense, a sophomore team mark and fourth all-time among Commodores... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors following four games... Started season slowly, with first collegiate start at Michigan in front of 109,688, largest crowd to ever watch a Commodore game... Initial Offensive Player of the Week honors came after Arkansas performance, where he threw for a score and ran for two others in a narrow home loss... Threw for two touchdowns and artfully guided fourth quarter drive that ended in last second field goal to give Commodores a 24-22 upset at Georgia... Remarkable late-season stretch started at Duke, when Nickson fashioned one of the finest games ever by Vandy quarterback, throwing for 250 yards and a pair of touchdowns while running for 150 yards and three scores in the Commodore win... Rushing total against Duke ranks second all-time by Commodore signal caller... One week later against eventual national champion Florida, Nickson completed 27 of 44 passes for 298 yards and two TDs... Capped impressive stretch by producing 517 yards of total

offense (446 passing, 71 rushing) and accounting for three TDs at Kentucky... Passing yardage total at Kentucky is team's third highest ever; total offense accumulation is second highest in school history... Efforts against Florida and Kentucky also earned offensive player of the week recognition... Combined with sophomore WR Earl Bennett to form one of the most potent aerial duos in SEC history.

2005 Served as backup to All-SEC Offensive Player of the Year Jay Cutler... Played quarterback in five of the Commodores' first six games... Also saw action as wide receiver in two games... Completed one of three passes for 13 yards... Was team's fourth leading rusher with 49 yards on 16 carries, including a long of 15 yards... As a receiver, had one catch for 10 yards against Middle Tennessee... Rushed for 39 yards in win over Richmond.

2004 Redshirted. Named top offensive scout after games with Navy and Florida.

Nickson's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

COMPLETIONS: 27, vs. Florida, 11/4/2006

PASS ATTEMPTS: 44, vs. Florida, 11/4/2006

PASSING YARDS: 446 yards, vs. Kentucky, 11/11/2006

TOUCHDOWN PASSES: 2, (five occasions), most recently vs. Florida, 11/4/2006

RUSHING YARDS: 150 yards, at Duke, 10/18/2006

RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS: 3, at Duke, 10/18/2006

	ATT/COMP-INT	Yds.	Pct.	TD	LONG	RUSH-Yds	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	292-160-13	2085	54.8	15	77	146-694	4.8	9	39
2005	3-1-0	13	33.3	0	13	16-49	3.3	0	15
Career	295-161-13	2098	54.6	15	77	162-743	4.6	9	39

Sam Panke

R-Fr., Defensive End, 6-1, 230

St. Louis, Mo. • Wellford, S.C.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Joined team as an invited walk-on during the preseason, and practiced as a scout team defensive end.

Matt Quinn

So., Long Snapper, 6-5, 220

Wellford, S.C. • James Byrnes H.S.

2006 As a true freshman, Quinn contributed as the team's primary long snapper in punting situations.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year letterwinner with one of nation's top prep programs... As senior WR, posted 77 receptions for 1,038 yards and 15 TDs... Helped Byrnes to three consecutive state titles, and No. 2 national ranking in 2005... Top game of senior season – 10 catches, 190 yards, 1 TD – came at Vanderbilt Stadium against Montgomery Bell Academy of Nashville... First Team All-Region II-4A and All-Area selection... Squad posted 43-1 overall record from 2003-05... Had five receptions for 95 yards and a touchdown in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas postseason game... As junior, caught 21 passes for 239 yards and five touchdowns.

Commodore Returnees

Kennard Reeves

R-Fr., Running Back, 5-11, 195

Duluth, Ga. • Duluth H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman tailback... Earned Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Michigan and Kentucky games.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year starter at running back... Also started at safety as sophomore and cornerback as junior... In 2005, rushed for 870 yards on 120 carries, scoring 12 TDs... As receiver, caught 11 passes for 150 yards... Also served as team's kickoff returner... Earned First Team AAAA All-Region as senior.

Chris Reinert

So., Wide Receiver, 5-9, 185

Santa Ana, Calif. • Servite H.S.

2006 Receiver/returner earned first collegiate action as a Commodore, playing against Tennessee State and Temple... Did not register a reception.

2005 Walk-on who showed excellent hands and solid route-running ability.

Larry Simmons

R-So., Wide Receiver, 5-9, 160

Austin, Texas • Anderson H.S.

2006 Reserve wide receiver and punt returner who appeared sparingly, seeing action in two games as a redshirt freshman... First collegiate action came in win over Tennessee State... Also saw action in midseason victory over Temple... Caught one pass, good for eight yards, in the Tennessee State game... Earned Offensive Scout of the Week honors after Temple game.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as wide receiver during fall practices.

George Smith

R-Jr., Wide Receiver, 6-3, 195

Pembroke Hills, Fla. • Hollywood Hills H.S.

2006 Played in every game, starting the first 11 games at wide receiver... Became more productive opposing All-SEC sophomore Earl Bennett as season endured, catching at least two passes in each of Vanderbilt's last five games... Concluded season as team's No. 3 receiver with 21 catches, good for a single-season career high 313 yards and two touchdowns... Contributed five receptions, including a TD, in narrow loss to Florida, then followed that performance with a three-catch, 79-yard effort at Kentucky... Of 21 receptions, four resulted in gains of 30 yards or more.

2005 Made remarkable recovery from serious illness, developing into a key receiver in first year of collegiate action... Played in nine games, missing MTSU and LSU games with injury... Ended season as a WR starter and one of Jay Cutler's top aerial targets... Concluded campaign fourth on team with 23 receptions, good for 287 yards and a pair of touchdowns... Averaged four catches and 57 receiving yards in last four games... Season highs in catches

(7) and receiving yards (110) came against Kentucky... Longest reception of season (47 yards) was a remarkable catch over two defenders at Tennessee.

2004 Participated in practice, but did not play... Received medical redshirt after doctors declined to clear him for full contact drills... Absence stemmed from serious illness developed during Spring Break... Illness forced him into an extended hospital rehabilitation stay and away from classes for semester... Named team's top offensive scout after Rutgers game.

2003 Redshirted... Earned scout team Offensive Player of the Week award prior to season finale.

Smith's Career Receiving Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 7, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

RECEIVING YARDS: 110, vs. Kentucky, 11/12/2005

LONGEST RECEPTION: 47, at Tennessee, 11/19/2005

	RECEPTIONS-YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	21-313	14.9	3	44
2005	23-287	12.5	2	47
Career	44-600	13.4	5	47

Adam Smotherman

R-Fr., Defensive Tackle, 6-4, 270

Smyrna, Tenn. • Smyrna H.S.

2006 Redshirted as a freshman... Earned team's postseason Defensive Scout Most Valuable Player Award... During season, 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 Associated Press and First Team All-Midstate by *Nashville Tennessean*... Two-time All-Area lineman... Achieved 68 tackles, five sacks, two forced fumbles and blocked kick as senior... Helped Bulldogs to second round of 5A playoffs for three straight years.

Darlon Spead

R-So., Cornerback, 5-10, 185

Kingsland, Ga. • Camden County H.S.

2006 Never started, but coaches looked at Spead as a starter – and one of the Commodores' most consistent performers in the secondary... Used primarily as the No. 1 nickel back in multiple-receiver formations by opposing teams... Ended year as team leader with five defended passes and shared lead with safety Reshard Langford with three interceptions... Also contributed 14 solo tackles and 16 total tackles as dependable tackler in open-field situations... Also posted one of team's three blocked kicks... Returned first career interception 26 yards and notched only career tackle for loss against Arkansas... Interception late in game at Ole Miss gave Commodores an opportunity to tie score... Played well against eventual national champion Florida, contributing career high six tackles, including five solo stops, in narrow home loss.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed coaches as cornerback in fall practices... Named team's Defensive Scout of the Week after Arkansas game.

High School Senior captain... Three-year starter for southeast Georgia powerhouse... Started for Wildcats at running back as junior and senior...

Commodore Returnees

Cornerback starter 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 both the Georgia Sports Writers Association and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*.

Spead's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: Six, vs. Florida, 11/11/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	14-2-16	1.0-5	0-0	3-27	0/0	5

Brian Stamper

R-Sr., Offensive Tackle, 6-5, 295

Windermere, Fla. • Lake Highland Prep

2006 Granted a medical redshirt by NCAA in late January, allowing for his fifth and final year as a Commodore in 2007... Struggled early with injuries, and eventually was forced out of uniform with a back injury... As an co-captain, started first five games at right tackle but played minimal offensive snaps in two final games... After midseason surgery, continued to participate in pregame coin toss with linebacker and fellow captain Jonathan Goff.

2005 One of the Commodores' top offensive performers, Stamper developed into a top-notch lineman in the Southeastern Conference... Started every game at right tackle and currently holds the longest consecutive start streak (31) of any Commodore player... Named Second Team All-SEC by coaches' ballot... Consistently graded out as the team's top blocker... Did not allow a sack while facing several of the league's top defensive ends... Named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week for play during win at Arkansas... Earned team's Offensive Player of the Week honors following season-opening win at Wake Forest.

2004 Started all 11 games at offensive right tackle, resulting in existing consecutive start streak of 20 games... Started opposite All-SEC tackle Justin Geisinger... One of three linemen, along with guard Brian Kovolisky and center Trey Holloway, to play in more than 90 percent of Commodore offensive plays.

2003 Named to Coaches All-SEC Freshman Team... Played in 11 of 12 games... Started the final nine games at right tackle after Kenan Arkan suffered lingering effects of high ankle sprain... Faced TCU All-American Bo Schobel in first collegiate career... Allowed no sacks in head-to-head encounter with another All-American DE, Georgia's David Pollack.

Broderick Stewart

R-So., Defensive End, 6-5, 225

Newnan, Ga. • Riverside Military Academy

2006 Became a key defensive line contributor as a redshirt freshman, playing every game at end... Finished season with 19 total tackles, including 13 primary stops... Tied with tackle Theo Horrocks for second on team behind DE Curtis Gatewood with five quarterback sacks... Recorded sacks against Michigan, Alabama, Temple, Kentucky and Tennessee... Single high in tackles (3) came at Kentucky.

2005 Redshirted as freshman, practicing as defensive end... Earned team's top defensive scout after Richmond game.

Stewart's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 3, at Kentucky, 11/11/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	13-6-19	5.0-44	5.0-44	0-0	0/0	1

Steven Stone

R-So., Defensive End, 6-5, 255

Conway, Ark. • Conway H.S.

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.

Stone's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 5, at Georgia, 10/14/2007

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	QH
2006	22-2-24	6.5-19	0.5-7	0-0	0/0	0

Alan Strong

R-Fr., Cornerback, 5-9, 170

Atlanta, Ga. • Douglass H.S.

2006 Redshirted as freshman... Finished season as one of team's top contributors in practice, earning Defensive Scout of the Week honors after Duke and Kentucky games.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year letter winner for one of Georgia's best large-school programs... Squad went 18-5 overall in 2004-05, advancing to AAAAA playoffs both years... As senior, posted 45 tackles, an INT and six defended passes as opponents frequently looked in other direction... Named First Team All-City by *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*... Also named to AJC's "Super 11" team and "Georgia's Top 50 Prospects" list... Racked up 40 tackles as junior... Nominated to the U.S. Army All-Star Game... Owns 4.3 clocking in 40... Standout sprinter, capturing 100 and 200 in 2005 Atlanta Track Classic... PRs of 10.65 in 100 and 21.4 in 200.

Commodore Returnees

Brent Trice

So., Safety, 6-3, 205

Barboursville, Va. • Fork Union Military Academy

2006 Played every game as a true freshman, either in the secondary as a second team or on special team coverage units... Ended season with 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 pick came in win over Temple... Posted career high of two tackles versus Tennessee.

HIGH SCHOOL Played safety and flex tight end for nationally regarded Fork Union Military Academy postgraduate squad in 2005... Posted three INTs and 10 sacks from safety position; caught 10 passes as tight end... Senior captain and multiple-year starter at Orange County HS... Central Virginia Defensive Player of the Year in 2004, posting 81 tackles, five sacks, five forced fumbles, one interception and two blocked field goals... As receiver, hauled in 27 passes for 423 yards and five TDs... Standout in basketball, averaging 12 points and 12 rebounds as senior.

Trice's Career Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

TACKLES: 2, vs. TENNESSEE, 11/18/2006

INTERCEPTIONS: 1, vs. TEMPLE, 9/30/2006

	TACKLES	TFL	SACKS	INT	FF/FR	PBU
2006	5-3-8	2.0-2	0-0	1-2	0/0	0

Brett Upson

So., Punter, 5-10, 175

Griffin, Ga. • Spalding H.S.

2006 Earned starting role as true freshman, replacing Bryant Hahnfeldt, who concentrated on placekicking as a sophomore... Finished the season ranked 10th among SEC punters with 37.4-yard average... 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, ranking Vanderbilt 17th in the NCAA... Started the season in excellent fashion, winning team's Specialist of the Week honors at Alabama by averaging 43.7 yards... In first home appearance versus Arkansas, attempts include a career-long 69 yarder... Posted two punts covering more than 50 yards to aid in Commodore road win over Georgia.

Ryan Vance

R-So., Offensive Line, 6-3, 280

Bellaire, Texas • Episcopal H.S.

2006 Saw limited action at offensive guard... Only action came in season finale versus Tennessee.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Named team's top offensive scout after LSU game.

Bradley Vierling

R-So., Center/Guard, 6-3, 290

Warminster, Pa. • Central Bucks East H.S.

2006 Saw action in nine games backing up center Hamilton Holliday and the offensive guard corps... First career action came against Arkansas... Like fellow redshirt freshman Ryan Custer, playing time increased as injuries became a factor midway through season... Saw time in last six games of season.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Practiced as center and guard... Impressed coaches last fall, earning team's postseason Offensive Scout Player of the Week honors... Named team's top offensive scout after Ole Miss, Georgia and Tennessee games.

Sean Walker

R-Jr., Wide Receiver, 6-0, 180

Louisville, Ga. • Jefferson County H.S.

2006 Showed great strides from redshirt freshman campaign, concluding the year as one of Chris Nickson's favorite aerial targets... Started five games as receiver in multiple wideout formations... Ended season as team's fifth leading receiver with 16 catches, good for 204 yards and a pair of touchdowns... 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 touchdown catch... Named team's co-Offensive Player of the Week for effort in win over Georgia... Had two key receptions against Bulldogs, a 35-yarder for touchdown 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 a touchdown at Kentucky... Named squad's Specialist of the Week for kickoff return effort versus Tennessee.

2005 Recovering from offseason knee ailment, Walker saw action as special teams contributor and reserve wide receiver... Played in seven games during the season... Did not record a reception.

2004 Redshirted.

Walker's Career Receiving Statistics

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

RECEPTIONS: 3, at Duke, 10/28/2006

RECEIVING YARDS: 41, at Georgia, 11/14/2006

LONGEST RECEPTION: 37, vs. Florida, 11/4/2006

	RECEPTIONS-YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2006	21-313	14.9	3	44

Commodore Returnees

Alex Washington

R-So., Wide Receiver, 5-10, 180

Stone Mountain, Ga. • Stephenson H.S.

2006 Played in every game as either a receiver or return specialist... Ranked eighth among SEC kickoff returners with 19.2 average... Season-long kickoff return of 43 yards came in Georgia win... Handled team's punt returning chores for much of season, averaging 5.6 yards on 10 attempts... As a wide receiver, hauled in three catches for 12 yards... Concluded season with 432 all-purpose yards, fourth best on the team.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed as wide receiver during fall practices... Named team's top offensive scout player after Middle Tennessee and South Carolina games.

Washington's Career Statistics (Receiving & Returns)

SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

LONGEST PUNT RETURN: 16, vs. Temple, 9/30/2006

LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN: 43, at Georgia, 10/14/2006

	REG.-YARDS	AVG	LONG	PR	AVG.	KOR	AVG.
2006	3-12	4.0	12	10-56	5.6	19-364	19.2

Thomas Welch

R-So., Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 280

Brentwood, Tenn. • Brentwood H.S.

2006 Moved to offensive tackle from tight end early in season after injuries sidelined two tackles... Saw action as a tight end in season opener, then played as an undersized tackle in seven games... First action as a tackle came in win over Temple... Enjoyed substantial role in three-game stretch that included South Carolina, Duke and Florida.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Worked as tight end during fall drills.

Justin Wheeler

R-So., Wide Receiver, 6-0, 175

North Augusta, S.C. • North Augusta H.S.

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 contributed on special teams.

2005 Redshirted as freshman... Impressed as receiver during fall practices.

David Whittington

R-Jr., Defensive End, 6-2, 250

Lafayette, La. • St. Thomas More H.S.

2006 Moved to defensive end prior to season... Played sparingly, seeing action in four games, including wins at Georgia and Duke... Did not earn defensive statistics.

2005 Started at fullback in first collegiate career action at Wake Forest... For much of season, saw action as reserve blocking fullback and special teams contributor... Played in every game... Did not register a rushing attempt.

2004 Redshirted... Named offensive scout team player of the week after Georgia game.

Chris Williams

R-Sr., Offensive Tackle, 6-6, 315

Glynn, La. • Catholic H.S.

2006 Developed into the Commodores' top offensive lineman and one of the premier tackles in the Southeastern Conference... League coaches tabbed Williams as a postseason second team All-SEC recipient... In postseason ceremonies, earned team's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman Award from coaching staff... Started every game protecting quarterback's blind side at left tackle, running his consecutive start streak to 21 games... Constantly earned unit's top blocking grade... Shared team Offensive Player of the Week honors with receiver Earl Bennett following performance in win over Temple, then shared the same recognition with QB Chris Nickson following narrow loss at Kentucky... Earned the team offensive award outright for his performance in season finale versus Tennessee... After allowing one quarterback sack in the opener at Michigan, did not allow another in the final 11 games.

2005 In first year of collegiate action, this agile, yet versatile lineman continually showed improvement as the season progressed... By season's end, regarded as one of team's most dependable offensive lineman, alternating between two positions on left side with responsibility of protecting quarterback's blindside... Consistently graded out as one of team's top offensive linemen while seeing action in every game... Earned nine consecutive starts at left guard, though he played just as frequently at left tackle... Shared team's Offensive Player of the Week honors after performance in first collegiate start against Ole Miss... Two weeks later, named team's Offensive Player of the Week for performance against Middle Tennessee.

2004 Did not dress... Participated as practice squad offensive tackle, earning scout team Offensive Player of the Week honors after Tennessee game.

2003 Redshirted.

Turner Wimberly

R-Fr., Wide Receiver, 6-0, 195

Austin, Texas • Hun School (N.J.)/Westside H.S. (Texas)

2006 Did not see action as a freshman... Moved to practice squad quarterback after starting preseason camp in defensive secondary.

HIGH SCHOOL Played quarterback and safety at prestigious New Jersey prep school, earning Prep Player of the Year honors from Trenton (N.J.) Times... Earned three varsity letters at Westlake, helping Chaparrals to state semifinals in 2003 and district title in 2004, compiling more than 2,100 yards of total offense... Voted MVP by Westlake teammates... Standout centerfielder for Westlake baseball squad.

2007 Signees

Rob Ashabranner Defensive Line

6'2", 260, Cathedral Christian H.S., Beaumont, Texas

HIGH SCHOOL Three-time captain and four-year varsity starter... Three-time Division III All-State selection... Named All Southeast Texas Private School Player of the Year and district defensive MVP as senior... Three-year, two-way starter for Warrior squad that won Bi-District title in 2005 and went 2-7 in 2006... On offense, started at center as freshman and sophomore, moving to tackle as junior... Early in senior campaign, moved to quarterback, throwing for 1,198 yards and 12 TDs... Threw for more than 250 yards in final three prep games... Amassed 289 total tackles, 73 tackles for loss, 16.5 QB sacks and 15 forced fumbles during career... Outstanding catcher in baseball, twice All-State selection... Also lettered in basketball.

PERSONAL Robert Daniel Ashabranner... Son of Bob and Dee Ashabranner... Born Oct. 9, 1988 in San Antonio... Oldest of three siblings: sister Hannah, 14; and brother Wesley, 13... Dad played football collegiately at Stephen F. Austin (Texas) University... Dad served as Cathedral Christian defensive coordinator and teaches at school; mom is a registered nurse.

Jermaine Doster, Running Back

5'10", 205, Robinson H.S., Tampa, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain... Three-year starter at running back... Four-year varsity letterwinner... As senior, earned All-Hillsborough County honors after rushing for 770 yards and seven touchdowns... Helped Robinson Knights to 5-5 regular season in 2006 and state playoffs in 2005... Named team's MVP running back following senior and sophomore seasons... Concluded prep career with more than 2,300 rushing yards and 32 touchdowns... Rushed for 78 rushing yards and a touchdown in postseason Hillsborough County East-West All-Star Football Game... Also earned varsity letters in basketball and track and field.

PERSONAL Jermaine Tino Doster... Son of Kelly Doster... Born Nov. 7, 1987 in Tampa... Brother of a beloved former Commodore, tailback Kwane Doster, the 2002 Southeastern Conference Freshman of the Year who died tragically from a shotgun attack on Dec. 26, 2004 while on holiday break as a Vanderbilt junior... Has an older sister, Chaka Howard.

Kyle Fischer, Offensive Line

6'6", 300, Spring Valley H.S., Columbia, S.C.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year starter for one of South Carolina's top prep programs... Started at offensive left tackle as junior and senior, earning team's line MVP honor both seasons... Earned prep All-American honors after playing every offensive snap in the prestigious Max Emfinger All-Star Bowl played in Shreveport, La... Named First Team All-State by SCVarsity.com in 2006 for a Viking squad that went 9-3 and won pair of region titles... Tied school mark with 17 knockdown blocks against Rock Hill, and set school career mark with 120 knockdown blocks... Also participated in postseason North-South All-Star Game in South Carolina... Also lettered in wrestling and track & field.

PERSONAL Kyle Marcus Fischer... Son of Ivey Gilliam and Debra Hamilton... Born June 16, 1988 in Germany... Youngest of five siblings: three sisters and a brother... Dad is police officer; mom works in medical field... One of three D-I signees on the Spring Valley offensive line... Participates in reading program with teammates in local elementary schools... Enjoys singing... Three graduates of Spring Valley are currently on NFL rosters, including DB Michael Boulware of the Seattle Seahawks.

Tim Fugger, Tight End

6'4", 225, Montini Catholic H.S., Oak Brook, Ill.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-way starter at tight end and defensive end as senior... Helped Broncos to 5-5 record and their 14th consecutive 5A playoff berth... Named All-Suburban Catholic Conference as tight end... Despite missing final three games, finished year with 14 catches for 267 yards and two touchdowns... As DE, contributed 61 tackles and four quarterback sacks... Avid weightlifter who holds school 225-pound bench press record with 17 repetitions... An all-around athlete, Fugger earned varsity letters in basketball and track & field at Montini in 2006... Captured conference 100-meter title and placed third in prestigious city 100 meters... Personal best in 100 is 10.8... Also lettered in football as sophomore at Bishop Kenny, a private school in Jacksonville, Fla.

PERSONAL Timothy Scott Fugger... Son of Karen Fugger and the late Peter Fugger... Born July 1, 1989 in San Diego... Transferred from Bishop Kenny after sophomore year when family relocated to west Chicago suburbs... Has two other brothers: Brian, 23, and Mark, 22... One of closest friends is another Commodore football commitment with ties to Jacksonville, running back Ryan van Rensburg... Enjoys playing the guitar.

Jamie Graham, Defensive Back/Wide Receiver

5'11", 175, Whites Creek H.S., Nashville, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain in football... Started at wide receiver, quarterback, tailback and defensive back... Named 4A All-State by Tennessee Sports Writers Association and All-Midstate by *Nashville Tennessean* as senior... In 2006, threw for 570 yards and five TDs, ran for 640 yards and 12 TDs, and caught 25 passes for 285 yards and four TDs. Also had four INTs, and 15 for career, and returned four kicks for TDs as senior... Two-time first team All-Region selection... Three-year starter... Became first freshman to start Whites Creek varsity basketball game... Hoops standout guard for a top area team... Surpassed 1,500 points for career... Helped basketball team to AAA state tourney in 2006 and 2007... In December, became school's first student to receive the prestigious William Hume Award from Nashville city schools for outstanding accomplishment by a football scholar athlete.

PERSONAL Jamie Donnell Graham... "JG"... Born Nov. 24, 1988 in Nashville... Has a younger brother, Jamonte... Raised by grandmother, Hattie Graham, following tragic 1996 death of mother, Jamie Denise Graham... Uncle, Whites Creek grad Odell Bradley, was basketball standout at IUPUI... Shelton Quarles, former 'Dore LB and Super Bowl winner with Tampa Bay, is Whites Creek alum.

T.J. Greenstone, Defensive Line

6'2", 270, Collins Hill H.S., Lawrenceville, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and two-year starter at defensive tackle for Eagles... Squad advanced to AAAAA state playoffs in junior and senior campaigns... In 2006, Eagles went 7-4, losing to eventual co-state champion in first round... Two-time defensive MVP and defensive lineman of the year for team... Two-time all-district recipient... Atlanta Touchdown Club Lineman of the Week pick... Played in postseason Georgia North-South All-Star Game... In three-year varsity career, posted 194 tackles, 19.5 quarterback sacks, 57 quarterback pressures and three forced fumbles... Notched 12 sacks as senior... Has earned two letters as a thrower in track & field.

PERSONAL Thomas Julius Greenstone Jr... Son of Thomas and Mary Beth Greenstone... Born Sept. 27, 1989 in Houston, Texas... Dad played football at Edinboro University; mom played basketball at Edinboro... Older sister, Mindy, plays basketball for North Greenville (S.C.) University... Dad works in restaurant supply sales; mom is regional marketing manager... On Feb. 22, 2006, lost best friend and classmate Jarrett Boston to cancer.

2007 Signees

Theron Kadri, Defensive End

6'3", 235, Brighton H.S., Brighton, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior defensive captain... Worked his way into starting defensive end role late in junior season... Earned First Team Region 7-4A recognition as senior after accumulating 68 total tackles, three quarterback sacks and a fumble recovery... Ended prep career with 17 tackles for loss... Helped Cardinals to berth in 2006 4A state playoffs... Also saw limited action as blocking fullback in goal-line situations and at offensive tackle as senior... Also earned two varsity letters in track and field.

PERSONAL Theron Olabode Kadri... Son of Laisi and Evelyn Kadri... Born Jan. 21, 1989 in Monroe, La... Youngest of four siblings: two brothers and a sister... Dad is a production engineer; mom is a teacher... Mom is a Vanderbilt alumni... Both brothers are engineers... Plays the saxophone... Played on two-time state runnerup rugby squad.

Chris Marve, Linebacker

6'0", 230, White Station H.S., Memphis, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL Two-year team captain and team MVP... Voted Tennessee 5A Mr. Football Lineman of the Year, first recipient ever from White Station... Named First Team All-State, "Best of the Preps" by *Memphis Commercial Appeal*, "All-South" by *Orlando (Fla.) Sentinel* and *Nashville Tennessean's* "Dream Team"... Helped Spartans to 12-2 overall record in 2006 and 5A state semifinals... Achieved 178 total tackles, including 133 solo stops, four QB sacks and eight forced fumbles as a senior, earning Region 8-5A most outstanding player... Credited with 120 solo tackles as a standout junior... Earned four varsity football letters... An academic honor roll student, and member of the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL Christopher Ryan Marve... Son of Clayton Samuel and Robin Samuel... Born March 1, 1989 in Fort Worth, Texas... Dad is engineer; mom is supervisor with Comcast... Oldest of seven siblings: two brothers, four sisters... White Station also produced Commodore senior starting DE Curtis Gatewood.

Austin Monahan, Tight End

6'6", 235, Phillips (Mass.) Academy, Charlotte (N.C.) Country Day

PREP SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL Two-way starter in 2006 as postgraduate student at prestigious Phillips Academy... Started at tight end and defensive end for 7-1 Big Blue that lost in New England Prep School Athletic Conference championship to Salisbury... As TE, hauled in 36 receptions for 536 yards and seven TDs... On defense, contributed 28 tackles, eight quarterback sacks and three fumble recoveries... At Charlotte Country Day, caught 48 passes for 896 yards and 14 TDs as senior, earning invite to play in Shriners Bowl of the Carolinas... Helped Charlotte school to 2004 state title.

PERSONAL Austin Beatty Joyce Monahan... Born Feb. 7, 1988 in Evanston, Ill... Son of Sephen and Mary Joyce Monahan... Middle of three brothers: Steve, 21, and Ryan, 16... Dad is an investment banker; mom coaches middle school field hockey team... In high school, mentored youngsters through Big Brothers-Big Sisters organization.

Larry Smith, Quarterback

6'3", 200, Prattville H.S., Prattville, Ala.

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 selection... 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... Also ran for 670 yards as a senior.

PERSONAL Larry Darnell Smith, Jr... Son of Larry and Pamela Smith... Born Feb. 22, 1989 in Riverside, Calif... An only child... Dad is ROTC and aerospace science instructor; mom is computer technician... Joins QB Chris Nickson as the second Alabama Mr. Football recipient to sign with Vanderbilt in last four years.

John Stokes, Linebacker

6'5", 225, Memphis University School, Memphis, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL Senior captain and defensive MVP for powerful Memphis private school... Helped Owls to three state playoff appearances, and Division II state titles in 2004 and 2005... Named Division II-AAA Mr. Football Lineman of the Year as senior... Also included in "Best of the Preps" by *Memphis Commercial Appeal* and "Tennessee Dream Team" by *Nashville Tennessean*... Three-year starter at LB, helping Owls to 27-8 overall record... Played varsity as freshman... In 2006, achieved 85 tackles, five tackles of loss, an interception and one fumble recovery taken for TD... Top rebounder as starting pivot for MUS basketball team that captured 2007 Division II state championship.

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.

Udom Umoh, Wide Receiver

5'11", 170, Peach County H.S., Fort Valley, Ga.

HIGH SCHOOL Talented wide receiver who helped the Peach County Trojans to consecutive AAA state titles... Named to Georgia Sportswriters Association AAA First Team All-State as senior... All-region selection as junior and senior... In 2006, caught 64 passes for 1,058 yards and 14 touchdowns, including two TDs in 28-7 3A state championship win over Shaw HS... Trojans were 14-1 in 2006 after 12-3 title run in 2005... As a junior, caught 22 passes for more than 400 receiving yards and five touchdowns... A standout sprinter in track & field, with personal bests of 21.7 in the 200 meters and 48.6 in the 400 meters.

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.



2006 Signees

Ryan van Rensburg, Running Back 6'1", 220, The Bolles School, Jacksonville, Fla.

HIGH SCHOOL Three-year letterwinner for one of Florida's top 2A programs... Started as lone back as junior and senior, helping Bulldogs to 2006 state title... Averaged 14 yards per carry rushing for 1,049 yards and 15 TDs as senior, earning All-State honors... Named by *Jacksonville Times-Union* to Florida Super 75 team... As junior, rushed for 20 TDs and nearly 1,000 yards... Also lettered in track & field and weightlifting... Finished third in state weightlifting championships as junior and qualified for state track meet in shot put.

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 linebacker for Furman... Family immigrated to America in 2000... Became U.S. citizen in 2005... Started playing football upon arriving in Florida... Grew up playing rugby in in South Africa... Also speaks native Afrikaans language from South African heritage... Enjoys sculpting... Close friends with fellow Commodore football recruit Tim Fugger.

James Williams, Offensive Tackle 6'6", 300, Smyrna H.S., Smyrna, Tenn.

HIGH SCHOOL Co-captain as senior... Started at offensive tackle as junior and senior... Played big role in Bulldogs 13-2 campaign in 2006 that ended with convincing 5A state championship victory, first in school history... Earned all-region honors as senior, earning team's offensive line MVP... Also earned a varsity letter as thrower in track & field... Maintained perfect attendance through high school.

PERSONAL James Michael Williams... Son of James J. and Hollis Williams... Born Aug. 31, 1989 in Atlanta... Dad works as supervisor; mom is registered nurse... Dad played baseball at Oberlin (Ohio) College... Has one sister, Camille, 16... Plans on majoring in civil engineering... Prep teammate of current Vanderbilt redshirt freshman lineman Adam Smotherman.

