

COACH BOBBY JOHNSON

As Bobby Johnson welcomes Commodore prospects to his sixth fall camp, his personal commitment to character, integrity, effort and playing the game of football with passion has optimism growing among Vanderbilt followers.

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. Johnson's last two squads have been more competitive than Commodore teams in nearly a decade. Though the 2005-06 teams narrowly missed bowl appearances, they did garner nine victories, including an impressive string of road wins at three of the Southeastern Conference's toughest venues – Arkansas, Tennessee and Georgia.

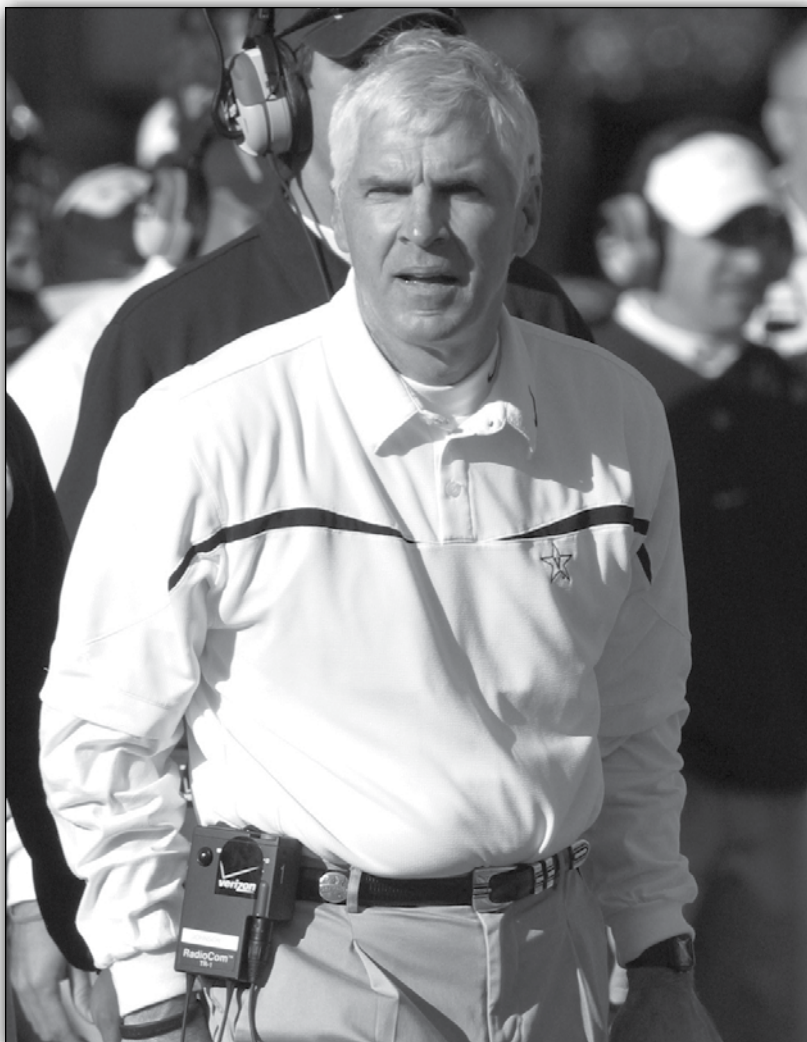
When he came to Vanderbilt from a highly successful tenure at Furman University, Johnson didn't have four-and five-win seasons on his mind. Johnson came to Nashville expecting to turn the Commodores into a perennial winner that competes for titles – and he hasn't wavered at all from that intent.

As Johnson continues to reshape the program, his impact on the 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 what many believe is America's premier football conference.

Nothing short of reaching that standard will satisfy Bobby Johnson, one of the NCAA's most highly respected coaches. Johnson expects success, on and off the football 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' efforts 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 its coordinators to the strength assistants, virtually 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: offensive assistant Kenny Carter from Penn State and defensive line mentor 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. Facility upgrades have

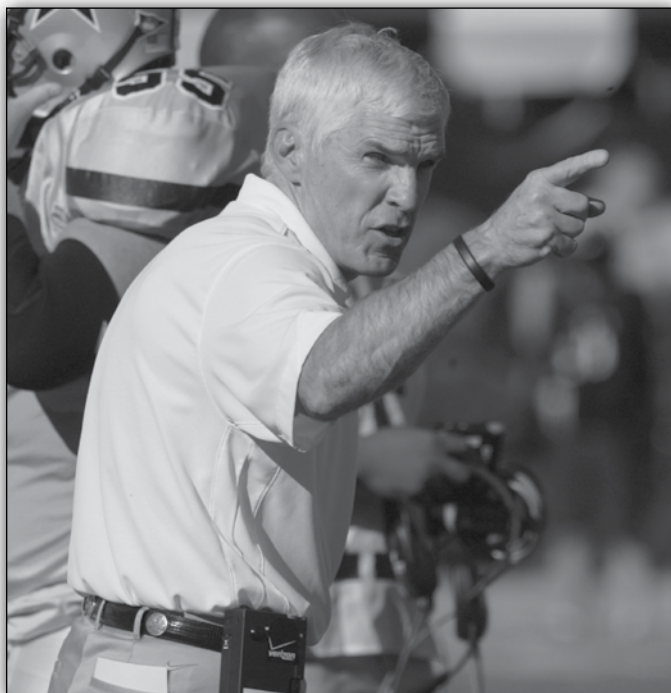
occurred; the Corridor of Captains is a showcase for both players and visitors. Commodore student-athletes lift weights and practice in state-of-the-art facilities that did not exist prior to Johnson's arrival at Vanderbilt. The head coach has even enhanced the way players and coaches study game film by installing the latest in video and computer technologies.

More improvements are needed – and appear to be nearing reality. Johnson and a host of key university administrators recently toured several stadiums in the Southeast evaluating how to upgrade Vanderbilt Stadium.



COACH JOHNSON CONGRATULATES TWO VANDERBILT FOOTBALL LEGENDS, FORMER HEAD COACH FRED PANCOAST, LEFT, AND ALL-SEC LINEMAN WILL WOLFORD, DURING THEIR 2007 INDUCTION INTO THE TENNESSEE SPORTS HALL OF FAME.

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The aim 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 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 a young squad, with little experience at several positions, compete toe-to-toe with eventual national champion Florida, SEC West champion Arkansas and Alabama, and go to Athens, Ga., and earn a thrilling win in front of 92,000 Georgia fans.

College football observers are taking notice of Johnson's efforts.

Several Commodores are earning individual accolades. Three current Commodore starters, including All-America receiver Earl Bennett, earned All-SEC recognition last year. Several experts believe the record-setting Bennett is a legitimate Heisman Trophy candidate. Senior linebacker Jonathan Goff and senior offensive tackle Chris Williams are among the best at their respective positions. In 2005, four-year starter Jay Cutler virtually rewrote Vanderbilt record books for quarterbacks and 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 quarterback following Cutler, the 2005 SEC Offensive Player of the Year.

Johnson's mentoring and straight-forward approach have 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 13 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 football student-athletes earning such recognition last year. In recent years, cornerback Andrew Pace and fullback Clark Lea have been nominated for national awards. In 2002, All-SEC linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer earned the prestigious National Scholar Athlete Award.

The national media also is taking notice of Johnson's tenure at Vanderbilt. Last year,



BOBBY JOHNSON COACHING FACTS

- ★ Guided Vanderbilt to nine victories in 2005-06, the most at the school in a two-year span since 1993-94.
- ★ Produced three recent SEC road wins: at Arkansas and Tennessee in 2005; at Georgia in 2006.
- ★ Mentored Jay Cutler, the 11th player taken in the 2006 NFL Draft. Cutler was also named the unanimous SEC Offensive Player of the Year, the first Vanderbilt athlete to ever earn the honor. In 2006, another standout, receiver Earl Bennett, became Vanderbilt's first All-America recipient in seven years.
- ★ Since arriving in 2002, 15 Commodores have earned Freshmen All-SEC recognition, including Kwane Doster, school's first SEC Freshman of the Year recipient in 2002.
- ★ Focuses attention on academic achievements. Vanderbilt has the most SEC Academic Honor Roll recipients in Johnson's five-year tenure. Hunter Hillenmeyer won 2002 National Scholar-Athlete Award.
- ★ Preparing to enter his 14th season as a college head coach with a 75-79 overall career record.
- ★ Named 2001 I-AA National Coach of the Year, leading Furman to the national championship game.
- ★ Guided three Furman teams to Southern Conference championships.



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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 *USA Today*, *The New York Times* and the *Atlanta Journal 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, 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 several All-Americans, including 2000 Walter Payton Award winner Louis Ivory.

In the weeks leading to becoming Vanderbilt's 25th head coach, Johnson directed Furman to the pinnacle of success in 2001, culminating a tremendous rebuilding job by the head coach. The Paladins reached the I-AA national championship for the first time in 13 years, falling to No. 1 ranked Montana in the 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 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. By 1983, he was elevated to Furman's defensive coordinator, serving a decade in that role. After one year as Clemson's defensive coordinator, Johnson returned to Furman to accept the head coaching job.

A native of Columbia, S.C., Johnson was a three-sport standout at Eau Claire High School. He continued 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 **JOHNSON** file

HOMETOWN: Columbia, S.C.

ALMA MATER: Clemson, 1973

HIGH SCHOOL: Eau Claire (S.C.)

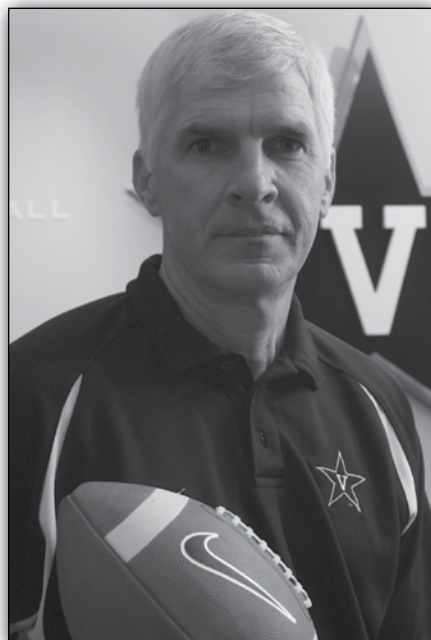
LETTERS EARNED: 1970-72

LETTERS EARNED: 3, 1966-68

POSITIONS: Receiver, Def. back

POSITIONS: Tight End, Def. End

HONORS: ACC All-Academic



Coach Johnson and his wife, Catherine, in front of Kirkland Hall on the Vanderbilt campus.

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

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VANDERBILT STAFF: A CLOSE-KNIT UNIT

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

As Johnson enters his sixth year at the helm at Vanderbilt, he believes the ability to keep intact most of the staff will be a key element in transforming the Commodore football squad into a perennial contender.

"Having the same group of hard-working men in place, all with a common purpose, is definitely a strength for our program. I hope it becomes a cornerstone of Vanderbilt football," Johnson said.

Many of the Commodore coaches have a relationship with Johnson since he entered the coaching ranks more than 30 years ago. In 1976, when Johnson accepted the role of coaching defensive ends at Furman, **Robbie Caldwell** – the current Vanderbilt assistant head coach/offensive line coach – was working as a first-year graduate assistant at Furman. The next year, **Ted Cain** joined the Furman staff, **Bruce Fowler** became a Paladin freshman walk-on and **Jimmy Kiser** was a contributing Furman receiver. Today, Cain, Fowler and Kiser are Commodore coaches with Johnson, serving as offensive coordinator, defensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, respectively.

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

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

At the same time, the Furman staff was impressed with a standout at The Citadel, **Kenny Carter**, who earned his first collegiate coaching position at Furman in 1993. Johnson kept in touch, and made Carter a member of the Vanderbilt staff in 2004, putting him in charge of running backs.

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

WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT COACH JOHNSON

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

JAY CUTLER

Quarterback, Denver Broncos;
Vanderbilt career passing leader

"After working three games (in 2005), I came away very impressed with Bobby Johnson's Commodore team. Bobby is an innovative and inspiring coach, and has a history of well-coached teams. It was obvious to me that his Vanderbilt team competed really hard every game."

MIKE GOTTFRIED

ESPN college football analyst

"Bobby Johnson exhibits character and leadership both on and off the playing field. He is an ideal fit for Vanderbilt, exactly the kind of role model this University wants guiding our student-athletes."

GORDON GEE

Former Chancellor, Vanderbilt University

"Coach Johnson emphasized doing the small things correctly. Then, when you see a coach that practices what he preaches, it's easy for players to buy into his system. Though I only played one year for Coach Johnson, I enjoyed it very much."

HUNTER HILLENMEYER

Vanderbilt alum; Chicago Bears linebacker;
2002 National Scholar-Athlete Award

"Bobby was one of my favorite players and he is a super football coach. He understands how to build a program the right way. Vanderbilt has a winner."

GEORGE MACINTRYE

Former Vanderbilt head coach;
Johnson's position coach in college

ASSISTANT COACHES

WARREN BELIN

Linebackers; Special Teams Coordinator

Warren Belin, a 17-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 to his duties.

In each of Belin's years with the Commodores, he has coached stellar linebackers. Last year, his star pupil, junior Jonathan Goff, ranked among the Southeastern Conference leaders in several defensive categories while winning all-conference honors. Goff has also been listed by several magazines as an All-America candidate. In 2004-05, Moses Osemwegie was named first team All-SEC by the coaches, 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' defense in the Super Bowl.

Belin served in a similar role at Southern Methodist University before coming to Vanderbilt. In five years at SMU, Belin continued the school's reputation for strong linebackers and stingy defenses. At least one Mustang linebacker was named All-Western Athletic Conference each year of Belin's service. Vic Vilorio, a preseason Butkus Award candidate in 2001, was named first team All-WAC as a junior and led the conference in tackles as a sophomore. Another of Belin's pupils, Jason Simonton, was an All-WAC selection in 1998 and 1999. A third linebacker, Chris Bordano, was WAC Western Division Defensive Player of the Year in 1997.

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

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

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



the **BELIN** file

Hometown: Marshville, North Carolina

Education: Health & Sports Science, Wake Forest, 1990

Coaching Experience:

Linebackers at SMU, 1997-2001

Linebackers at William & Mary, 1996

Defensive Line at William & Mary, 1995

Linebackers at Cornell, 1991, 1993-94

Linebackers at East Tennessee State, 1992

Postseason Appearances: 1 **Conference Titles:** 1

NFL Draftees: 2 **All-Americans:** 1



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

ASSISTANT COACHES



JAMIE BRYANT

Defensive Secondary

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

Bryant's secondary personnel is headed by redshirt junior safety Reshard Langford, a 2005 All-Southeastern Conference freshman, who is one of the unit's top leaders and has a league-wide reputation for punishing tackles.

In 2006, Bryant's secondary was one of the nation's youngest corps, featuring Langford as a sophomore and three freshmen starters. In multiple receiver formulations, even the Commodore nickelback was a freshman. Two first-year cornerbacks, Darlron Spead and D.J. Moore, earned SEC All-Freshman honors under Bryant.

Despite the youth, Bryant had the unit ranked among the SEC leaders in pass defense for much of the season. The 2006 secondary also produced more interceptions than past editions.

Several Vanderbilt pupils have gone into the professional ranks, including 2007 NFL Europe starters Bill Alford and Andrew Pace.

Bryant, 37, assisted on the North Carolina staff alongside current Vanderbilt associate head coach Robbie Caldwell in 2001 before joining the Commodore staff. The 2001 Tar Heels finished strong, using an aggressive defense to win seven of their final nine regular season games, including impressive routs of ACC foes Florida State and Clemson. UNC ended its season by shutting down Auburn 16-10 in the Peach Bowl.

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

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

A native of Fredericktown, Ohio, Bryant was a three-year letterman at Ohio Wesleyan. He earned a B.S. degree in economics management.

Bryant and the former Elisa von Heimburg were married in 2005. They are the parents of 1-year-old son Luke.

the **BRYANT** file

Hometown: Fredericktown, Ohio

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

Coaching Experience:

Graduate Assistant (Defense) at North Carolina, 2001

Defensive Coordinator at St. Francis, 2000

Secondary/Special Teams at Clarion, 1998-99

Linebackers at Clarion, 1997

Postseason Appearances: 1

NFL Draftees: 2

All-Americans: 1



*The Bryant family:
Jamie, Elisa
and young
Luke.*



ASSISTANT COACHES

TED CAIN

Offensive Coordinator; Tight Ends

A former I-AA head coach with more than three decades of coaching experience, Ted Cain 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 starting quarterback Jay Cutler, produced more points and first downs than any Commodore offense in the last three decades.

Last year, Cain's offense directed by first-year starter Chris Nickson, continued to develop. Cain's offense used Nickson's dual-threat abilities, while keeping sophomore All-America wide receiver Earl Bennett as a vital ingredient to the successful scheme. Bennett enters this season less than 50 receptions from setting the SEC career record.

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

Cain, 55, was a three-year tight end for Furman. After serving a two-year term as a U.S. Army second lieutenant, Cain began his coaching career as Furman's outside linebackers coach in 1977. He became the Furman passing game coordinator/receivers coach the following year, helping the squad to a 69-23-2 record in an eight-year tenure.

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

In 1997, Cain accepted his first head coaching job at Virginia Military Institute. In 1999, he rejoined Furman, where the Paladins won two conference titles with Cain on staff.

Cain earned a B.S. degree in geology and a M.A. in education from Furman. Cain and his wife, Susan, are the parents of two children: Matt, 24, a football graduate assistant coach with the Commodores; and Erin, 21, a senior at Furman.



the **CAIN** file

Hometown: Aiken, South Carolina

Education: B.S., Geology, Furman, 1974;

M.A., Education, Furman, 1981

Other Coaching Experience:

Receivers at Furman, 1999-2001

Head Coach at Virginia Military Institute, 1997-1998

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

Passing Coordinator/Receivers at Furman, 1978-85

Linebackers at Furman, 1977

Postseason Appearances: 8 **Conference Titles:** 8

NFL Draftees: 12

All-Americans: 5



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

ASSISTANT COACHES



ROBBIE CALDWELL

Assistant Head Coach; Offensive Line

Caldwell, a 31-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.

Caldwell enters the season with an opportunity to enjoy his finest offensive line at Vanderbilt, with all five returning starters prepared to compete.

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 league's brightest line products for 2007 in All-SEC tackle Chris Williams and center Hamilton Holliday.

In 2005, Caldwell's unit provided solid protection for SEC Player of the Year Jay Cutler. That offense ranks among the all-time finest 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, now a member of the Tennessee Titans.

Before joining Vanderbilt, the 53-year-old Caldwell served two years as offensive line coach at North Carolina after lengthy tenures at North Carolina State and Furman.

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

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

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

Caldwell and his wife, Nora Lynn, are the parents of a daughter, Emsley, 12.

the CALDWELL file

Hometown: Pageland, South Carolina

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

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1978)

Offensive Line at North Carolina, 2001-01

Assistant Head Coach at North Carolina State, 1996-98

Offensive Line at North Carolina State, 1986-99

Offensive Line at Furman, 1978-85

Postseason Appearances: 10 **Conference Titles:** 3

NFL Draftees: 5

All-Americans: 3



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



ASSISTANT COACHES

KENNY CARTER

Running Backs; Recruiting Coordinator

Kenny Carter enters his fourth year on the Vanderbilt staff as running backs coach. He also serves as the recruiting coordinator for Coach Johnson's staff.

In 2006, 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 corps that included sophomore starter Jeff Jennings and Jackson-Garrison. Carter also mentored Steven Bright, who moved from quarterback to fullback/H-back and became a key offensive weapon as an aerial target out of the backfield.

Carter, who served as an assistant at Furman when Johnson accepted the Paladins' head coaching job, has worked on coaching staffs at the University of Pittsburgh, LSU, The Citadel and Penn State prior to joining Vanderbilt.

At Penn State, Carter guided receivers under Joe Paterno. He was instrumental in the development of Bryant Johnson, a first-team All-Big Ten pick in 2002 and first-round 2003 NFL draft pick of the Arizona Cardinals. Johnson ranks among the all-time Penn State leaders with 110 career receptions and 2,008 career receiving yards.

Carter guided running backs at Pittsburgh under former Head Coach Walt Harris, mentoring Kevan Barlow and Nick Goins. While Barlow became a 1,000-yard rusher at Pittsburgh, both Barlow and Goins have gone on to enjoy solid NFL careers.

Carter worked at LSU in 1999, coaching outside linebackers. One pupil, Norman Lejeune, was named freshman All-SEC.

A native of Camden, S.C., Carter served as a tight ends assistant at Furman in 1993. He returned to his alma mater in 1994, coaching there until joining LSU. He was an assistant head coach at The Citadel during his tenure.

Carter and his wife Bonnie are the parents of two children: Brey, 20, a junior at The Citadel, and Kennedy, 11.



the **CARTER** file

Hometown: Camden, South Carolina

Education: B.S., Health/Physical Education, The Citadel, 1990

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1994)

Receivers at Penn State, 2001-03

Running Backs at Pittsburgh, 2000

Outside Linebackers @ LSU, 1999

Assistant Head Coach at The Citadel, 1997-98

Recruiting Coordinator/Defensive Ends/

Running Backs at The Citadel, 1994-96

Postseason Appearances: 2 **NFL Draftees:** 2



*The Carter family:
Kenny,
Bonnie,
Brey and
Kennedy.*

ASSISTANT COACHES



CHARLIE FISHER

Wide Receivers; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

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

In 2005-06, Fisher mentored receiver Earl Bennett to record-breaking campaigns. Twice named first team All-SEC, Bennett earned All-America honors in 2006 by catching 82 passes, second most in Vanderbilt history. Bennett also became the first receiver in SEC history to post two seasons of at least 75 receptions. In 2005, Bennett set an SEC freshman record with 79 catches.

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

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

Before joining Vanderbilt, he served two years as offensive coordinator/QB coach at Temple.

Prior to joining Temple, Fisher was successful during a two-year stint tutoring wide receivers at N.C. State. The Wolfpack passing attack led the ACC and was a key reason behind N.C. State's drive to a bowl berth.

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

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

Fisher and his wife, Julie, are the parents of two sons: Brian, 18; and Brett, 12.

the **FISHER** file

Hometown: Allenwood, Pennsylvania

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

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1991)

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Temple, 2000-01

Receivers at North Carolina State, 1998-99

Head Coach at West Georgia, 1993-97

Offensive Coordinator at West Georgia, 1991-92

Postseason Appearances: 2

NFL Draftees: 3

All-Americans: 10



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



ASSISTANT COACHES

BRUCE FOWLER

Defensive Coordinator

Bruce Fowler, a long-time assistant for Coach Johnson, is in his sixth season as the Commodore defensive coordinator. He also assists with the defensive end position.

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

Two former defenders, Hunter Hillenmeyer in 2003 and Jovan Haye in 2004, have been selected in the NFL Draft. Both are active in the league.

Fowler, 48, served as Bobby Johnson's defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Furman prior to joining Vanderbilt. Their relationship on the field dates to the 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. He mentored Furman All-America and Southern Conference Defensive Player of the Year Will Bouton. The Furman defense was critical to the Paladins' 30-9 success from 1999-2001, two conference titles, three I-AA playoff berths and a national runnerup finish in 2001.

Prior to coaching Paladin linebackers, Fowler directed the Furman secondary for six years, coaching six All-Southern Conference performers, including consensus All-America safety 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 league championship squad. He earned a B.A. and M.A. 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.



the **FOWLER** file

Hometown: Cincinnati, Ohio

Education: B.A., Physical Education, Furman, 1980

M.A., Physical Education, Furman, 1989

Other Coaching Experience:

Def. Coordinator & Linebackers at Furman, 1999-2001

Secondary at Furman, 1993-98

Receivers at Furman, 1986-92

Graduate Assistant at Furman, 1984-85

Postseason Appearances: 7 **Conference Titles:** 8

NFL Draftees: 4 **All-Americans:** 2



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

ASSISTANT COACHES



JIMMY KISER

Quarterbacks; Passing Game Co-Coordinator

Jimmy Kiser brings more than two decades of collegiate coaching experience to the Vanderbilt staff. He is in his sixth year as quarterbacks 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. Inexperienced, Nickson put together an outstanding campaign, passing for nearly 2,100 yards and 15 touchdowns while amassing 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 team passing category. In 2006, he earned SEC Offensive Player of the Year and First Team All-SEC honors, and was selected by Denver 11th overall in the NFL Draft.

Kiser, 50, started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Furman. After coaching three years at Dunwoody (Ga.) H.S., Kiser worked two years at Lenoir-Rhyne (N.C.) College, serving as offensive coordinator.

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

In 2000, Kiser moved to Memphis where he coached Tiger 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 honorable mention All-Southern Conference as a wide receiver as a senior. He earned a B.A. in economics and business administration, graduating cum laude. In 1982, Kiser earned a M.B.A. from the Clemson/Furman joint MBA program.

Kiser and his wife, LeAnn, are the parents of four children: Anna Lee, 20, Jodi, 18, Jamie, 16, and Kelly, 6.

the **KISER** file

Hometown: Rock Hill, South Carolina

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

Other Coaching Experience:

Offensive Coordinator at Richmond, 2001

Quarterbacks at Memphis, 2000

Offensive Coordinator at North Carolina State, 1997-99

Quarterbacks & Receivers at North Carolina State, 1996

Receivers at North Carolina State, 1986-95

Postseason Appearances: 9

NFL Draftees: 9

All-Americans: 2



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



ASSISTANT COACHES

RICK LOGO

Defensive Line

Rick Logo is the newest member of the Vanderbilt coaching staff, entering his second year as the Commodores' defensive line coach. He came to Vanderbilt from Troy (Ala.) University where he formerly served as co-defensive coordinator.

In 2006, two of Logo's Vanderbilt pupils at tackle, Ray Brown and Theo Horrocks, put together career years for the defense. Horrocks ranked among team leaders in several categories. Brown also prospered, contributing 36 tackles. Defensive end Curtis Gatewood was sensational, accounting for three sacks 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. He also coached two current NFL standouts at Troy: Demarcus Ware of Dallas and Osi Umenyiora of the Giants. 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 current Vanderbilt coaches Robbie Caldwell, Ted Cain and Jimmy Kiser.

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

After graduating from N.C. State in 1992 with a B.A. in sociology, Logo signed a free-agent contract with the Detroit Lions, but suffered a career-ending injury as a rookie.

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

Logo is married to the former Folole Falefia. They are the parents of an infant son, Eliah.



the **LOGO** file

Hometown: Santa Ana, California

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

Other Coaching Experience: (positions since 1999)

Co-Defensive Coordinator at Troy, 2005

Defensive Line at Troy, 2003-04

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

Defensive Line at Chattanooga, 2001-02

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

Postseason Appearances: 1

NFL Draftees: 4

All-Americans: 1



*The Logo family:
Rick,
Folole
and infant
son Eliah.*

ASSISTANT COACHES



JOHN SISK

Speed, Strength and Conditioning Director

A 15-year coaching veteran, John Sisk enters his sixth year as Vanderbilt's Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning. His influence on the program and its student-athletes is having a positive impact.

Sisk's stamp on Commodore football is apparent. In 2004, offensive lineman Justin Geisinger earned Strength & Conditioning Athlete of the Year honors. In 2005, quarterback Jay Cutler used Sisk's weightroom direction to woo scouts at the NFL Combine, eventually became the 11th player taken in the 2006 Draft. The improvement continued this offseason, with a number full of individual bench press and squat personal bests.

"We are improving in our strength program and developing team unity while building one of the nation's strongest, fastest and best-conditioned squads," Sisk said.

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

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

At Vanderbilt, Sisk has mentored four NFL draftees, including Cutler and Chicago Bears' linebacker Hunter Hillenmeyer. He has also coached Commodore pitcher and 2007 MLB No. 1 pick David Price, first-round selection Casey Weathers and All-America third baseman Pedro Alvarez.

Sisk joined Vanderbilt after working at Clemson where he was responsible for the conditioning of skilled-position athletes. Among his Clemson stars were current NFL players Rod Gardner and David Patten, and San Diego Padres' shortstop Khalil Greene. In Nashville, he has worked with other pros, including former Titan Eddie George.

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

the **SISK** file

Hometown: Waynesville, North Carolina

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

Coaching Experience:

Assistant Strength Director at Clemson, 2001

Assistant Strength Coach at Clemson, 1997-2000

Head Strength Coach at Western Carolina, 1995-96

Assistant Strength Coach at Furman, 1993-94

Postseason Appearances: 4

NFL Draftees: 11

All-Americans: 2

Strength & Conditioning Athletes of the Year: 2



FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

BRIAN REESE • DIR. OF SPORT OPERATIONS



Brian Reese enters his fourth season as Director of Sport Operations, with oversight over football, women's lacrosse and bowling. In 2002, Reese was named to the position after serving as Director of Football Operations.

His duties include day-to-day operation, team travel, budget control, department staffing and alumni relations for the football squad, while serving as a campus-wide liaison for Coach Johnson's program.

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

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

Reese and his wife, Tricia, are the parents of three children; daughters Maureen, 13, and Brynn, 7; and a son, Patrick, 3.

MIKE HAZEL • ASST. DIR., FOOTBALL OPERATIONS



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

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

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

In 2001, he earned a B.A. in Corporate Communications from Elon. In 2004, he earned a M.B.A. from Elon. Hazel is working toward a Master's degree in education from the Peabody College.

TOM BOSSUNG • HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Tom Bossung enters his ninth year as head athletic trainer for the Vanderbilt football squad. He also oversees the Vanderbilt athletic training office.

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

Bossung is in his 12th year with the Vanderbilt staff, having worked with men's basketball and women's tennis teams from 1995-1999. Previously, he worked a year at the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Center and served two years as the head athletic trainer at Tennessee State.

Bossung, who received his Bachelor's degree from Indiana State, is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association, and licensed by the Tennessee Board of Medical Examiners. He has served as a test site administrator and host for NATA

certification exams. Bossung also volunteers his time to youth soccer leagues in the Nashville area.

Tom and his wife, Dee Dee, have two children: Ryan, 15; and Sarah, 11.

LUKE WYATT • EQUIPMENT MANAGER



Luke Wyatt enters his 25th year at Vanderbilt, having served as the head equipment manager since 1990. He handles the purchase and care of football equipment and consults with coaches of all Vanderbilt sports.

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

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

GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACHES

MATT CAIN OFFENSE



Matt Cain is starting his third year as a graduate assistant with the Commodores.

Cain works with the Commodore offense.

Cain, 24, earned a pair of varsity letters as a reserve quarterback for the Paladins. A walk-on from Easley (S.C.) High School, Cain was awarded a scholarship for his senior season. He was also a two-time Southern Conference Academic Honor Roll recipient.

Cain, who completed a Bachelor's degree in geology in 2004, is completing work toward a Master's in secondary education from the Peabody College.

ANDY FRANK DEFENSE



Andy Frank is starting his third year with the Commodore coaching staff, serving as a graduate assistant.

Frank, 28, assists the Vanderbilt defensive staff.

A native of Sterling Heights, Mich., Frank has been a defensive assistant for the Lincoln (Mich.) High School football staff. Previously, he worked in the engineering profession.

Frank was a reserve defensive back and special teams player at Princeton University, graduating in 2001. He earned a Bachelor's degree in engineering from Princeton.

He is working toward a Master's in education from the Peabody College.

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF

ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING STAFF

CURTIS TURNER

Turner enters his fifth season as a Commodore strength assistant.

Turner, a native of Blairsville, Ga., serves as an assistant to Sisk's football conditioning staff and coordinates the workouts for other Vanderbilt varsity teams, including golf and tennis.

"Coach Turner loves what he does and it's paying off for Vanderbilt student-athletes," Sisk said. "Since the day he arrived here, Curtis has been a very innovative asset to our training effort."

Turner, 27, joined Vanderbilt in 2003 after working three years with the Clemson athletic strength staff. After starting at Clemson as an undergraduate, Turner moved into a full-time role at Vanderbilt after earning a bachelor's degree in secondary education.

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

GABE TEEPLE

Gabe Teeple is the newest member of the Vanderbilt strength and conditioning staff, having joined John Sisk's team in May 2006.

Teeple, 31, previously served two years as an assistant strength coach at the University of Wyoming where he implemented workouts for several varsity sports, including football, wrestling, and track & field.

While working toward a postgraduate degree at Virginia Tech, Teeple assisted the Hokies' conditioning staff for two years prior to accepting the Wyoming position. At Virginia Tech, Teeple contributed to the conditioning programs for the Hokie football, men's basketball and baseball among other varsity sports. He earned a Master's in Health Promotion from Virginia Tech in 2004.

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

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT STAFF MEMBERS



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HEAD COACH'S ADMIN. ASSISTANT



BEVERLY BROTHERS
ADMIN. ASSISTANT



ANDREA POOLE CAIN
ASSISTANT RECRUITING COORDINATOR



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